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FATE OF ALLIES BOUND UP IN PRESENT BATTLE

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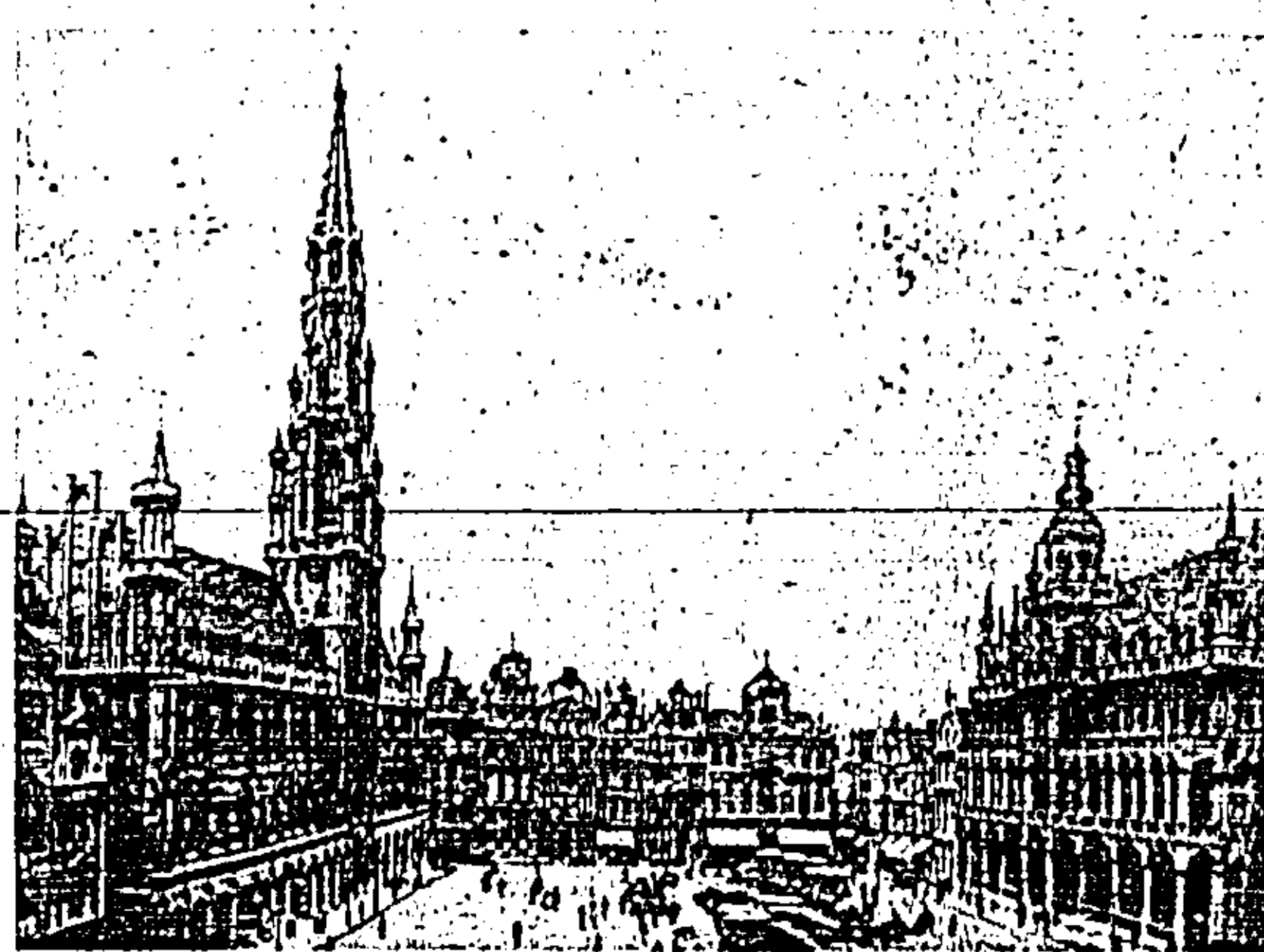
PARIS, May 17 (UP).—General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces, has issued an Order for the Day which is reminiscent of the famous "Backs to the Wall" declaration by Field-Marshal Douglas Haig in the last world war.

General Gamelin, in a gravely worded Order, declares that the catchword to-day must be "Conquer or Die."

Here is the text of his statement:

"The fate of our country, the Allies and the destiny of the world is bound up in the battle now taking place. English, Belgian and Polish soldiers, and foreign volunteers are fighting on our side.

"The British air force is engaged up to the hilt like our own. As always in the critical hours of history, the watchword to-day is 'Conquer or Die.' 'We must conquer.'"



BRUSSELS—Grand Place

POSITION ON WESTERN FRONT GRAVE—"REUTER"

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It was learnt here from authoritative quarters this afternoon that the position is considered grave and that the German armoured divisions have broken through the French lines and penetrated some distance into French territory.

The place which they have broken through is not the real Maginot Line but is an extension covering the Belgian frontier, which has been built in the last 12 months.

The dent in the line has now become a bulge.

The German successes are mainly due to the new technique in clearing ground by heavy tank attacks, supported by low flying bombers.

In this respect, authoritative quarters say that the British Air Force has already put up a magnificent show.

R.A.F. Superior

The German aeroplanes have avoided conflict whenever possible and man to man and machine to machine the British Air Force are definitely superior.

It is thought that this was possibly due to the lack of petrol in Germany and therefore the lack of practice for the German pilots.

The Germans, according to latest reports this afternoon, had gained considerable ground and on points have won the first round.

But it was only the first round and statements in both London and Paris were equally confident of the ultimate result.

The future line of German attacks is uncertain. It might be in the north west to cut off the Allied communications or in the south west.

But meanwhile the French are gathering their resources to strike at both flanks of the bulge and there is reason to suppose that the German armoured divisions have already run out of their supplies of petrol.

Authoritative quarters in London estimated to-day that five-sixths of the total petrol supplies in Holland were destroyed before the Dutch surrendered.

New Positions Taken Up

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Belgian High Command at noon to-day issued the following communiqué from "somewhere in Belgium":

"In connection with the operations undertaken by Allied forces and in close co-operation with Allied troops, Belgian troops have taken up new positions with calm and good order."

"Despite many hard engagements in which many units have taken part since hostilities began, our army remains intact and retains a high morale."

Situation Reassuring

BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—The Minister of National Defence

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INVADERS NOW WITHIN 25 MILES OF RHEIMS: "SERIOUS", SAYS FRENCH

PARIS, MAY 17 (REUTER).—THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE WESTERN FRONT REMAINS VERY SERIOUS, ALTHOUGH THE IMPRESSION THIS AFTERNOON IS THAT THINGS ARE SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN THEY WERE ON WEDNESDAY.

A French military spokesman to-day said that the Germans had resumed three attacks at dawn yesterday in three main directions as follows:

- 1.—Against the positions held by the British troops in central Belgium, notably at Louvain.
- 2.—Into the large salient driven into France, north of Sedan.
- 3.—At Sedan itself and south of it.

500 SQUARE MILE SALIENT

For the immediate present the most serious is the second drive north of Sedan. This is between Sambre and Rethel, which is about 25 miles south-west of Sedan and about the same distance north-east of Rheims.

A French communiqué issued this morning indicated that the Nazi salient here is from a line some 50 miles long along the frontier and extends anything up to 10 miles into France.

IMPORTANT SALIENT

A French military spokesman said that this was an important salient.

The first thing to do is to run a ring round the salient and curtain it by sending units to take up positions to stop further advances.

Then one must make up one's mind whether to counter-attack here or to counter-attack elsewhere.

That job is for the High Command, he said.

He indicated that good progress had been made towards curtaining the enemy's advance positions.

MASSED TANKS AND PLANES

Nothing is yet known about yesterday morning's attacks. It is reliably reported that the Germans again used massed tanks with bombing planes in close support.

The losses which the enemy must have suffered during the last few days cannot possibly be estimated but there is every reason to believe that they must have been heavy.

The whole of the operation seems to have been a desperate gamble in which the Nazis are flinging all their strength into the fray regardless of losses.

Strong formations of enemy warplanes also launched attacks but these have been beaten off with heavy losses.

Up to 3 p.m. 21 German machines have been destroyed by our aircraft and many others were so badly damaged that it is very unlikely that they reached their bases.

Some quarters compare the battle of the Meuse with that of Verdun in the last war.

The battle at Verdun lasted a considerable time and they say that the present battle may go on for days or even weeks with varying fortunes on either side.

South of Sedan, where there is no comparable breakthrough, the Germans yesterday resumed the heavy attacks of the night and day before.

A French military spokesman, indicating the fierceness of the fighting, said that the woods and villages had been taken and re-taken during the day. Some of them changed hands about six or six times.

French Communiqué

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué says "To-day the German attack developed on a massive scale, not only in Belgium but in the regions of Avesnes and Verdun. On those fronts the enemy engaged the greater part of his heavy tank divisions. The battle took on the aspect of a veritable melee. Further to the east, the enemy attacked in the region of Sedan and Montmédy with success. In close collaboration with the French Air Force, our aviation continues its energetic and

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BRUSSELS ENTERED, SAYS NAZI CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, MAY 17 (UP).—THE GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE ENTERED BRUSSELS. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND TO-NIGHT READ: "AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH POSITIONS SOUTH OF LOUVAIN, GERMAN TROOPS THIS EVENING MARCHED INTO BRUSSELS."

According to DNB, the official German news agency, Nazi troops have reoccupied Louvain and have also reached parts of northern France.

German reports from the front adopt a jubilant tone. Says one: "The German successes in France are sensational. Our troops have broken through the Maginot Line in the south from Maesteg to Garlignan along a 60-mile front. Thus the steel and concrete defence ring with which France was encircled on her eastern frontier has been burst."

Staggering Achievement

Another Berlin message says that well-informed military sources there have described the alleged breakthrough on a 60-mile front as a staggering achievement of German arms.

However, they express caution and indicated that this does not necessarily mean the beginning of a decisive and final German victory on the Western Front.

Nazi military chiefs confess that the French can now be expected to launch a desperate attack from the south against the German flank as it swings to the north, recalling a similar manoeuvre by the famed French "Taxi-cab" army in the first world war, when they attacked the right flank of the German forces avenging southern of Paris, and defeated the Germans in the battle of the Marne.

Neutral experts now believe that the Nazis will probably attempt to swing in a great arc to the north towards the English Channel, enclosing forces on a large scale—many of which are believed to be British—in north Belgium and the northeast corner of France.

These observers point out that the magnitude of the German successes is emphasised by the fact that they first took Namur and broke through

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Germans Lost Thousand Planes In First Week

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that it is believed the German air force has lost over 1,000 aircraft since the invasion of the Low Countries.

The Air Ministry states that to the losses in the Low Countries must be added losses in Poland and Norway.

R.A.F. bombers again raided military objectives in western Germany last night and many direct hits were obtained in these operations. None of our aircraft was lost.

Attacks were made by medium bombers on enemy transports and petrol reserves round Sedan and several fires broke out.

Nazi Troops Bombed

During yesterday enemy thrusts in the Meuse Valley were recently checked. Enemy attacks on pontoon bridges were blown up, roads were

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LATEST

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Further Late News

The Nazi Military Bible: INSTALMENT FIFTH

RUSSIA is in many respects the antithesis of England. It may not be an island lying off the European coast, but neither the country nor the people nor the civilisation really belongs to Europe; in spite of two centuries of ardent endeavour it remains a part of Asia, with which its spaciousness, land bound character, Mongoloid blood and stagnant immobility link it.

Russia entered the circle of European powers not much later than England, but as a land, not a sea power. Both of them press heavily on others, England by her fleet, her command of the sea, her commerce and her threats of blockade, Russia by her enormous army which comes along like a steam roller, and can never be finally cornered and beaten in its own country.

Both are world powers, England in virtue of her overseas colonies held together by a finely spun web of sea routes, Russia by her vast Asiatic colony which merges imperceptibly into the mother country.

Russian industry was and is totally inadequate for equipping a large army or keeping it supplied through a long war.

During the world war the Russian armament industry only succeeded in producing one million new or reconditioned rifles during 1914 and 1915; this even with the thousands of a million imported from abroad, was not nearly enough to cover the demand for that period, which amounted to three or four millions. It was not till 1916 that home production and imports between them proved adequate; the field artillery, and this deficiency was not remedied till the end of 1917, when the Russians began to withdraw their army from the front.

The heavy artillery was in even worse case; during the retreat of 1915 it constantly had to be withdrawn from the scene of action through lack of shells.

Japan And The Allies

Had the Germans succeeded in keeping Japan away from the Allies and, if possible, as a benevolent neutral (we will not even suggest the notion of an alliance) the Russians would have been able to make considerably less use of the Siberian railway for supplying the needs of their army, or perhaps none at all—in which case Russia could hardly have gone on with a war which but such an undreamed of strain on industry, beyond the spring of 1915. This may serve as a lesson in case of future wars or alliances with Russia.

Russia, which is still an immensely populous country, is impotent except in alliance with a highly industrialised power. Among her neighbours the only one that fits this description is Germany; all the other industrial countries (England, France, America, perhaps Japan) can only maintain communications with her western regions, which will decide the military issue, by the most difficult and devious channels.

Russia, both old and new, is a country of many nationalities, so that we cannot very well speak of a Russian character covering the whole of Russia.

There is something resigned and brooding about them, and they will often follow up one action with a completely contradictory one which takes us, with our ways of thinking, completely by surprise.

Blank indifference may suddenly burst forth into violent action, apparently hopeless stupidity into boundless imagination, and a vague feeling of inferiority has its counterpart in the force of its counter-attack.

They will buckle under to brute force ruthlessly applied, but every now and again their suppressed murmuring breaks out into an ungovernable fury in which they do things that they often bitterly regret afterwards.

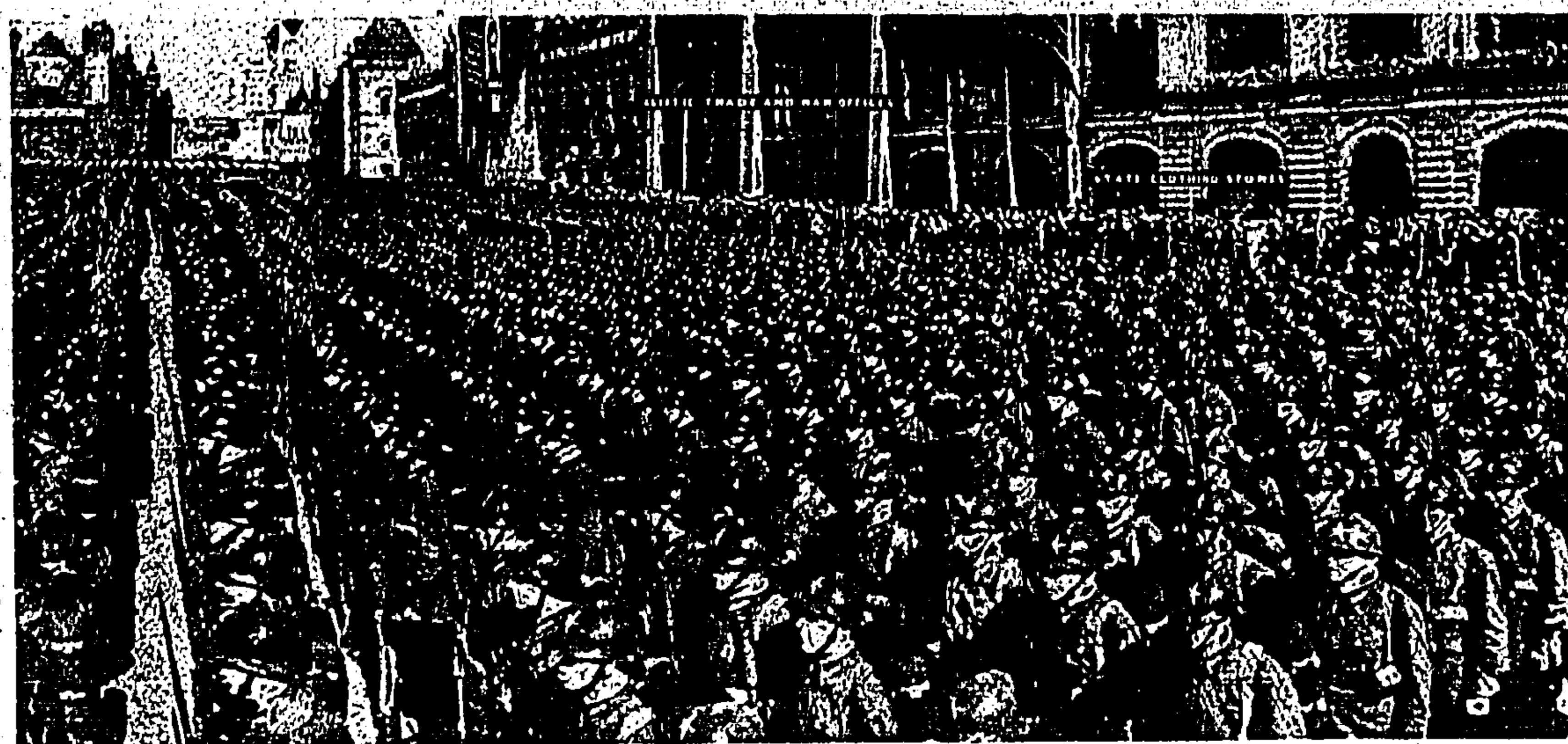
The Russian masses are incapable of any progressive development or enterprise on their own, but the weight of their numbers and their blind obedience enable them to be used, under resolute leadership, as a means to the accomplishment of great tasks.

Must Be Under The Whip

With a strong hand over them they can be relied upon, not otherwise; without it the unstable side of their character comes to the front, and instead of the mighty Russian Empire the foreigner finds a vast collection of isolated villages.

The Great Russian nation never knows what it wants; it oscillates helplessly between action and dream; it kisses its icons with penitential devotion and then goes straight off and gets blind drunk on vodka.

The nation as a whole always stands behind its leaders even when the latter are suddenly changed, as in 1917. The government can always count on two instincts—complete and unquestioning acceptance of its decrees, and a lack of critical sense which always shouts



Red troops drawn up in a square in Moscow.

ON THIS PAGE are further extracts from "Raum Und Volk im Weltkrieg," the "Bible" of the German Army.

In previous chapters, the author, Professor Ewald Banse (Professor of Military Science at Brunswick University), wrote of the methods Germany would employ in invasion of France, Belgium, Holland and Britain. We have seen the methods put into practice in Belgium and Holland.

To-day is described German military opinion of Russia and Japan.

GERMANY AND THE STEAM ROLLER

hurrah for the man who has the power and uses it ruthlessly.

The first named instinct accounts for the dumb obedience of the soldiers, who allowed themselves to be driven into battle in solid masses like sheep and mown down by the superior technical equipment and strategy of the enemy; the second for the prompt seizure of power by the Soviets, inasmuch as the peasants, who were supposed to be so devoted to the Tsar, in most cases cheerfully accepted the change of government without in the least realising what it meant.

The class which rules these masses has hardly any roots in them. Under the Tsar it was mostly Germanic with an international streak, and Russian nationalists in complexion; to-day it is wholly international, with the eastern-Jewish cum Tartar cum Caucasian note predominating.

Whatever its composition, it has always known that force is the only thing which can set the Russian masses, with their half dumbly submissive, half rebellious character, moving along the line which a far sighted government is bound to adopt if it wants to keep its own and its country's end up against foreign powers.

The Russian soldier, accustomed to being ordered about for generations submitted willingly, if in most cases ignorantly, to military discipline. Contemptuous of death, he went bravely and clumsily into battle in dense waves, dumbly resigned to his fate. He knew that he was fighting against superior generalship, training and technical equipment. His stoical determination was as impotent as the ruthlessness but not sufficiently circumspect and intelligent tactics of his leaders against the German superiority of fire. Otherwise he could never have repulsed and in places even routed the immense forces of the Russians in 1914 with such few troops, some of which were past the age for active service.

In retreat, however, though not in attack, the Russian higher command showed its skill and prevented us from ever enveloping the whole Russian army.

Bearing in mind all this and also the shortage of arms and munitions in a country so little industrialised and almost cut off from its allies, we must not conceal from ourselves that we owe our victories, which were all achieved with in-

ferior numbers, in no small degree to the deficiencies of the Russians.

Falkenhayn And Napoleon

The great difference between the German advance into Russia in 1915 and Napoleon's in 1812 is that in 1812 there were no railways, so that the French advanced in lines with a narrow front, which meant that their rearward communications were in great danger; in other words, they were handicapped in every possible way by the size of the country.

The Germans a hundred years later took the railways, with them, which made their communications safe, especially as they advanced on a broad front; hence the size of the country only militated against them in so far as they were out to attack the enemy; afterwards, and as soon as the railway was functioning, it shrank and lost much of its perilousness.

With modern pioneering technique, destruction of railways, bridges and roads causes a merely momentary delay, hence it only affects troops in pursuit, not communications. The tragedy of the German offensive in Russia in 1915 is that when the Lord had delivered the Russian army into our hands we threw away our chance of annihilating it because that was no part of our (i.e. Falkenhayn's) plan, having been dismissed in advance as hopeless. After the loss of the battle of the Marne, almost the only thing left for us apart from an invasion of England—was to dispose of the Russian army completely and then concentrate our whole strength on the western front. We might have done this during the spring of 1916, when there was as yet no threat to our eastern front from Rumania, when England still had relatively few men in the field, and there was no question of American help for the Allies.

From the end of 1917 onwards right through 1918 the revolutionary Russian army and Russian generally played an extremely important, though purely passive, part, both in relations to us and the Allies, in determining the further course of the War and its final issue.

The Russian army fought against us no more, but it continued to exist and thereby caused us to leave a million men in Russia, as a result of which we were too weak for the decisive struggle of 1918 on the western front.

Publication of these extracts was rendered possible by the translation of the original German document into English by Messrs. Lovat, Dickson, the well-known British publishing house, who, despite German threats, published the document under the title "Germany, Prepare for War."

The Russian army thus did the same thing in the east as the British navy did in the west; both pressed heavily upon us by merely being there, that and nothing else.

And we must not conceal from ourselves the fact that the harsh manner in which we conducted the negotiations for the peace of Brest-Litovsk between December 1917 and March 1918 was partly responsible for this condition of affairs, with all the fatal consequences to us which it entailed.

We have here an instance of the failure of our government and our higher command to grasp the situation, especially where it touched on the domain of national psychology. It is not only by military but also by psychological weapons that wars are waged, won—and lost.

The collapse of Russia became quite open and irrevocable when the Bolsheviks came into power under the leadership of Lenin in the autumn of 1917.

When our higher command sent Lenin in a sealed coach from Switzerland through Germany to Russia, it little knew it was signing Germany's death warrant.

The occupation of large portions of South Russia especially, by German and Austro-Hungarian troops (they got as far as a line drawn from Lake Peipus through Polotsk, Mohilev, and Biegorod to Rostov-on-the-Don, besides seizing Trans Caucasia) left the Russian army untouched. And the fact that under the peace of Brest-Litovsk, which Russia was eventually compelled to sign, she "permanently" lost Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Finland, and (temporarily) lost Lithuania and Estonia, which meant that she was almost completely excluded from the Baltic; and that the Ukraine, her chief granary, was taken away from her, was all of no real value as long as Germany and Austria had not won the War. The fact was that the fate of the east could only be decided in the west.

Japan Like Great Britain

Japan is an island empire lying off the middle of the east coast of Asia and her geographical position is therefore similar to Great Britain's. Politically and economically Japan is a small country.

With the arrival of Western maritime and commercial powers on the scene, the centre of gravity in eastern Asia shifted from the mainland to the coast and adjacent sea, and when the Pacific, too, suddenly became of importance to eastern Asia.

More rapidly, perhaps, even than England in the 17th century, Japan at the close of the 19th realised the nature of the change, adapted herself to the new situation and sought to take a place among the great powers.

Since the territory of the Japanese motherland—the three islands of Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu, to which may be added the bleak northern island of Jesso—is small—and mountainous Japanese families prolific, and economic life at home restricted, it was necessary for Japan, if she was to become a great power, to extend her territories to the adjacent mainland, whence she could aim at dominating the whole of eastern Asia and the Pacific.

First China was humbled; then Russia was shortly afterwards beaten; and with the acquisition of Korea, and the southern part of Saghalien and the establishment of a foothold in southern Manchuria, the extension of Japanese territory to the mainland was achieved.

But Japan's plans were not taken altogether seriously until the world war gave her the chance of approaching much nearer to her

goal of predominance in eastern Asia and supremacy over China. This explains her declaration of war against Germany on August 23, 1914, preceded on August 15 by an ultimatum couched in most impudent terms, the product of accumulated irritation and self-importance.

Next followed the conquest of our Chinese concession of Kiao-chau, whose capital Tsingtau surrendered on November 7, 1914, for lack of munitions, after an absurdly elaborate two months' siege, considering that it was nothing more than a fortified watering place.

The first move towards the Pacific was also made at this time, the Japanese chasing German ships in the company of British cruisers and occupying some of our small and unprotected South Sea islands, where they came into competition with the British from Australia.

When at the end of 1917 the United States on their entry into the War conceded to the Japanese special privileges in China, in order that their war might be secure, Japan reached the height of her power and began openly to preach a kind of Monroe doctrine for the Far East. Moreover, by 1917-18 when every British and American ship was needed for service in Europe, Japan had established her commercial supremacy in the Pacific and was able to build a large merchant fleet.

The permanent results of the war years for Japan were—(1) the removal of the German (incidentally the smallest) obstacle, and the further thrusting back of Russia in Manchuria; (2) the rank of a respected great power with a population of 90 millions, which overshadows the Far East and without whose consent nothing can be undertaken in that quarter; as against that (3), a new political estrangement from Great Britain and the United States, who are concerned at all costs to prevent from shutting the door against them in China.

Since Japan cannot concern us as a theatre of war within any measurable future, we need not deal with her territory and may content ourselves with a few words about the Japanese character.

Its chief features are imitativeness and ambition, patriotism and chivalry, energy and a positively pedantic perseverance. This explains the amazing rapidity with which Japan has since the sixties of last century emerged from darkest mediocrity into the light of modern civilisation, having recognised that, if she is to preserve her national existence and her political independence, she must resort to the use of European weapons.

Here she stands in marked contrast to the far greater Chinese nation which does not possess this stern determination. The Japanese devotes all his mental and moral energies and all his labour to the promotion of his country's interests, and his reward is that in scarcely half a century Japan has become a great power with a voice in world affairs.

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WEEK-END PARTY

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ARE YOU up to date with your news? Can you remember important facts you've read recently in your "Telegraph?"

Give yourself one hour and some serious thought to solve this 20-question, not-so-easy quiz. Maximum marks possible — 50.

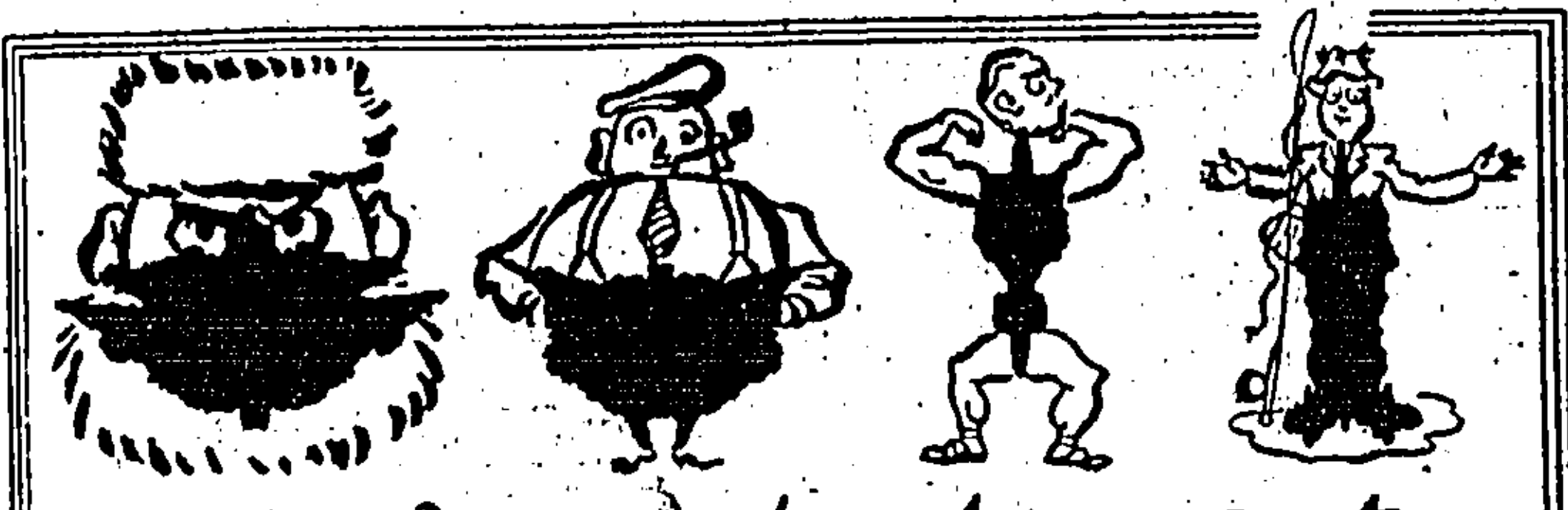
1. What week of the war are we in? (2 marks.)
2. What Dominion recently lost its Prime Minister? (2 marks.)
3. Who won the Lincoln Handicap? (2 marks.)
4. What famous Rugby player recently died in an air crash? (2 marks.)
5. What world-famous art exhibition recently opened in London? (2 marks.)

6. What is the name of the Indian found guilty of murdering Sir Michael O'Dwyer? (2 marks.)
7. Who else was injured on this occasion? (2 marks each.)
8. Who is Australia's first Minister to the U.S.A.? (3 marks.)
9. How many rounds did Johnny Paycock last in his recent fight against Joe Louis? (4 marks.)
10. When M. Pansikivi, referred to Peter the Great, what was M. Molotov's retort? (3 marks.)
11. What British submarine scored its second sinking a German cruiser? (2 marks.)
12. Who is the French Minister for War? (3 marks.)
13. At which prison in England was there a riot recently? (2 marks.)

14. What famous article of French food has been suppressed on economy grounds? (2 marks.)
15. Was the Boat-crew rowed this year—and if so, who won? (1 mark.)
16. What Dominion troops have recently been stationed in Egypt? (2 marks.)
17. Name the London tanker believed to have sunk a U-boat off Trinidad? (3 marks.)
18. What was the first unit of the Territorial Army to have entered No Man's Land? (3 marks.)
19. They have celebrated a centenary two days late. Whose—and why? (2 marks.)
20. When was Britain's Budget day this year? (2 marks.)

(Answers below.)

TICKLE UP your memory. Allow yourself five minutes for concentrated examination of the following list. Bury your head in your hands—keep still—try to visualise the objects, and the number of objects. Then cover up the list and answer the questions that follow.



—a game to try out your ingenuity—

If you have pens, prepare to use them now—for we are about to play the Blot Game.

But first, a warning to housewives: play this game in the centre of the room, well away from the walls—particularly cream walls. I don't want to wreck your homes.

Take a piece of paper—make a good fat ink blot in the middle—then (while still wet) fold the paper in the exact centre of the blot and press. Other players in the game do the same thing—each, on opening his paper, revealing a grotesque, shapeless smudge.

Each player now announces: "I am going to turn my blot into a man skipping"—or "a Russian soldier"—or "Mac West"—or "Marle"—or "Hitler"—or anything or anybody they like. Then, with pen or pencil, they set to work and add the necessary embellishments. Time limit—ten minutes. And the funniest sketch wins.

Above are some examples. See if you can better them.

—And A New Bridge-Baffler

THE other night we played a hand like this:

North:	South:	East:	West:
S. A. 1000	S. 1000	S. 1000	S. 1000
H. 1000	H. 1000	H. 1000	H. 1000
D. 1000	D. 1000	D. 1000	D. 1000
C. 1000	C. 1000	C. 1000	C. 1000

Clubs are trumps. South led and made five tricks. How? See Column Three.

LIST

1. Blue hat.
2. Red pencils.
3. Lonely uncle.
4. Thimble.
5. Trained seals.
6. Old brown boots.
7. Pocket of needles.
8. Baby, sleeping in cot.
9. Mauve chemise.
10. Ties.
11. Broken hammers.
12. Rusty nails.
13. Apple trees.
14. Long black glove.

QUESTIONS

1. How many broken articles are mentioned?
2. What people are mentioned?
3. What colour is the chemise?
4. How many toys are mentioned?
5. What articles mentioned come out of a sewing basket?
6. What animals are mentioned?
7. How many red pencils were mentioned?
8. How often is the word black mentioned?
9. How often is the word yellow mentioned?
10. How many colours are mentioned?
11. What clothes are mentioned?
12. How many nails are mentioned?

SCORING

Look up the answers—score 10 for correct answers, 0 for mistakes. 60 shows fine powers of observation and a particularly good memory. 40 is average. Under 40—your memory is below par.

RECORDS

Perfect pick for the week-end party are two Decca discs of Shakespearean singing. The idea will probably singe grandma's eye-brows, but before long it is likely the old rocking chair will be going in rhythm. Four tunes—"O Mistress Mine," "Sing No More, Ladies," "Lover and his Lass," and "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind"—are done by Bob Crosby and his Bob Cats. The singer is called Marion Mann, but she sounds like Connie Boswell to me. The labels are tastefully inscribed thus—"Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" (Arthur Young, William Shakespeare). R. H.

—AND HERE'S A NEW ANGLE ON AN OLD GAME FOR THE LADIES

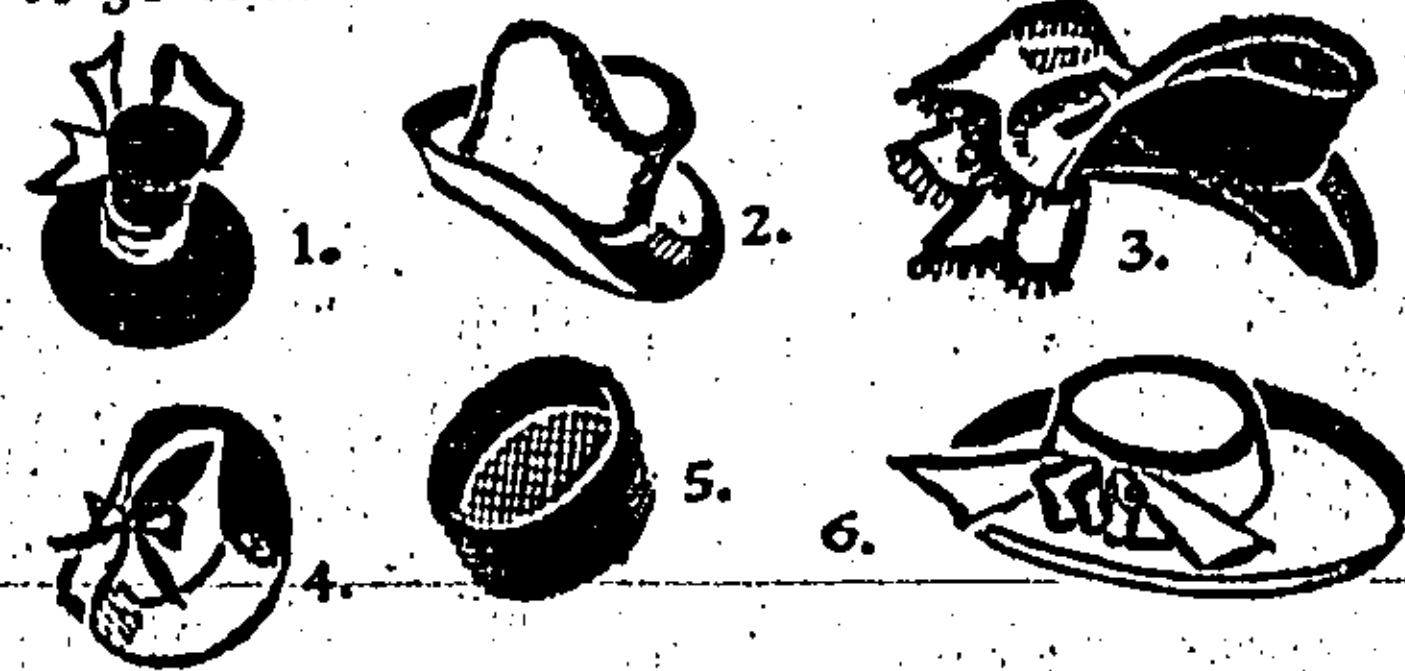
This is the first hand-in-a-new question-and-answer game that, if you are honest, will give you a good check up on your FASHION, HOME and FAMILY sense. Start playing to-day by answering these questions.

HOW smart are you—fashionably as well as men-tally? How well up in the rules that go to make good clothes?

How clever at picking on the good and bad points in your and other women's clothes? It's not enough to know what you like when you see it; you must know why you like it—and if you are right to like it anyway.

The eight questions here put a spotlight on the fine feathers of fashion; take the feathers out one by one, so to speak. If you can answer them all straight off, then you are very smart indeed; if you can answer only some of them, then you'll learn some pretty useful points from the others. But don't cheat and look at the answers first.

1. If you had a dress like this in almond green wool with four pockets, short sleeves and slightly swing skirt, which of these six hats would you choose to go with it?



THE ANSWERS

To Questions Above

1. 31st. 2. New Zealand, and New Zealand. 17, El Clervo. 18, The Northamptonshire Regiment. 19, Emile Zola—to enable certain Ministers to attend. 20, April 23.
- BRIDGE BAFLE: South made three aces, one diamond and one heart. West could not prevent this. Had East kept the queen of hearts, South would have discarded the nine of hearts and made another diamond.



8. Now that people are wearing evening dress again you have decided to get one new one to cheer up yourself and your friends. Which of these would you, and should you, go for? Why?



2. Here's one of the smartest of this season's suits. Look at the swing from the unpressed pleats in the cherry red wool skirt; look at the clipped fit in the red and grey and black tweed jacket. Now just what type of girl could wear this suit—and why?



5. I am looking for an "odd little frock"—one I can wear to the office in the morning but also carry on out to dinner in the evening. I have found a pattern I like... with a central panel front and back, with a skirt flared in front, and a slightly full skirt at the back.

6. Mrs. Jones next door comes out in a suit you can't remember her wearing before. What points will tell you if it is 1940 and the last fashion word—or merely one of her old suits you don't happen to have seen before?

7. Mary Johnson has a new suit; here it is. It has a plain black, well-cut skirt; a red-and-white checked jacket. What colour are her short blouse (yes, we've drawn the jacket done up to make it more difficult) and hat? Remember, Mary's a smart girl.

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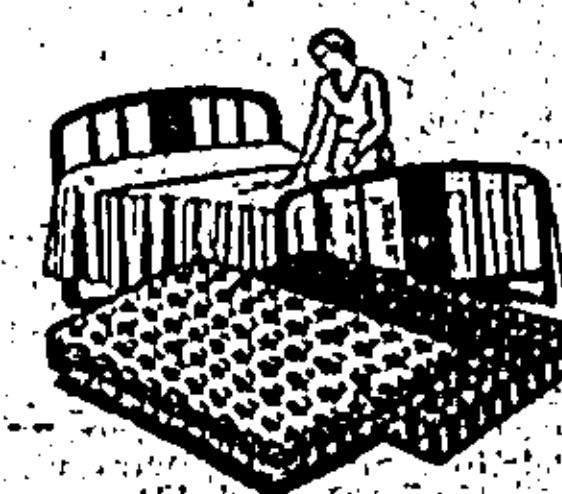
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CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Meeting of House Committee At the Home

Services on Sunday, May 19. Preaching—Morning, Rev. E. Moreton; Evening, Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Junior Church at 9.30 a.m. All children welcome.

Morning Prayer Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 30, Prayer, Hymn No. 111, First Lesson, Hymn No. 313, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offering, Hymn No. 630, Sermon, Benediction.

Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymn No. 30, Prayer, Hymn No. 408, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offering, Hymn No. 113, Sermon, Hymn No. 624, Benediction.

Notices for the Week. 1. Following the Evening Service, a Social Hour will be held in the S. & S. Home at 8.15. All Servicesmen and Civilians will be warmly welcomed.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Investiture of Servers At Choral Eucharist

May 19, Trinity Sunday. Service in English, 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9 a.m. Sunday School Services; 10.15 a.m. Choral Eucharist; 11.15 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher, the Rev. Canon J. H. D. St. John. At this service, the servers will be invested and the choir will sing. Hymns: Processional 102, Holy, Holy, Holy, 400, Immortal Love, 400, Gradual 400, Immortal Love, 400, Offertory 400, Immortal Love, 400, Communion 310, Let all mortal flesh, 310, Postlude, 310. All are invited to the service. (There will be no music at this service.)

Service in Mandarin—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon. Preacher: The Bishop of Hongkong.

May 21, Tuesday—8 p.m. Parochial Church Council, Vicarage.

May 22, Wednesday—4.30 p.m. Wolf Cub Pack meet in No. 3 Duke Street.

May 23, Thursday—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Meeting of the Guild of Martin and Mary in the Vicarage. 8 p.m. Full Choir Practice.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Salvation Army To Hold Meeting on Tuesday

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Preacher at Morning Service, Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Preacher at Evening Service, Rev. E. R. Moreton.

The Sunday School meets in the Church Hall, Kennedy Road, at 9.30 a.m. A short meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. Tea and light refreshments are provided, and a special invitation is accorded to Servicemen.

The B. W. O. F. Working Party meets in the Church Hall on Thursday afternoon at 2.30, and new helpers will be welcomed.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches to-morrow, May 19, will be—'Mortals and Immortals'.

The Golden Text will be—'This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality' (1 Cor. 15:53).

Among others, the following citations will be read from the Bible—'The children of this world shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.' (1 Pet. 1:3-4)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book—'Senses and Ideality with Reference to the Scriptures,' by Mary Baker Eddy. 'To the five corporeal senses, man appears to be matter and mind united; but Christian Science reveals man as the idea of God, and declares the corporeal senses to be a material, mortal, and imperfect man, the idea of being, indestructible and eternal.' (Page 477).

Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building, and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The Public cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents, Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

ST. ANDREW'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOWLOON)

Trinity Festival Services To-morrow

Sunday, May 19, Trinity Sunday. Holy Communion, 9 a.m. Choral Communion and Address, 11 a.m. Preacher, The Rev. Charles Higgins of the American Episcopal Church, Hongkong and Address, 7 p.m. Preacher, The Vicar. The Sunday Club will be held after this service. Everyone invited.

Sunday Schools—Primary Sunday School, 10 a.m. Leader, Miss W. Robinson; Young People's Service, 10 a.m. Leader, Mrs. J. R. Higgs.

Monday, May 20—Medical War Working Party for China, 10 a.m.; Fellowship of Youth and B.W.O.F. Working Party, 8 p.m.; Teachers' Presentation Class, 7 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Committee Meeting, 8.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Social Evening, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21—Mothers' Union, 3 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Fisher; Brownie Pack, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22—Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; Wolf Cub, 8.30 p.m.; Hovers, 8.30 p.m. (11, Cumberland Rd., Kowloon Tong).

Thursday, May 23—Women's Fellowship and B.W.O.F. Working Party, 3 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 8 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Table Tennis Match at home v. the V.C.C.A., 9 p.m.

Friday, May 24—Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25—St. Andrew's Club Lunch Meeting for members and friends of the Club and the Church begin for the season. Lunch leaves the Police Pier, 3 p.m.

REFUGEES FLOCK TO PARIS

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—So many refugees are arriving here that the main northern entrance to the city was closed to-day to all other traffic. The United States Red Cross has sent £25,000 to help these Belgian and Dutch refugees.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale, Registry No., Locality, Boundary Measurements, Contents in sq. feet, Area in sq. feet, Upst. Price.

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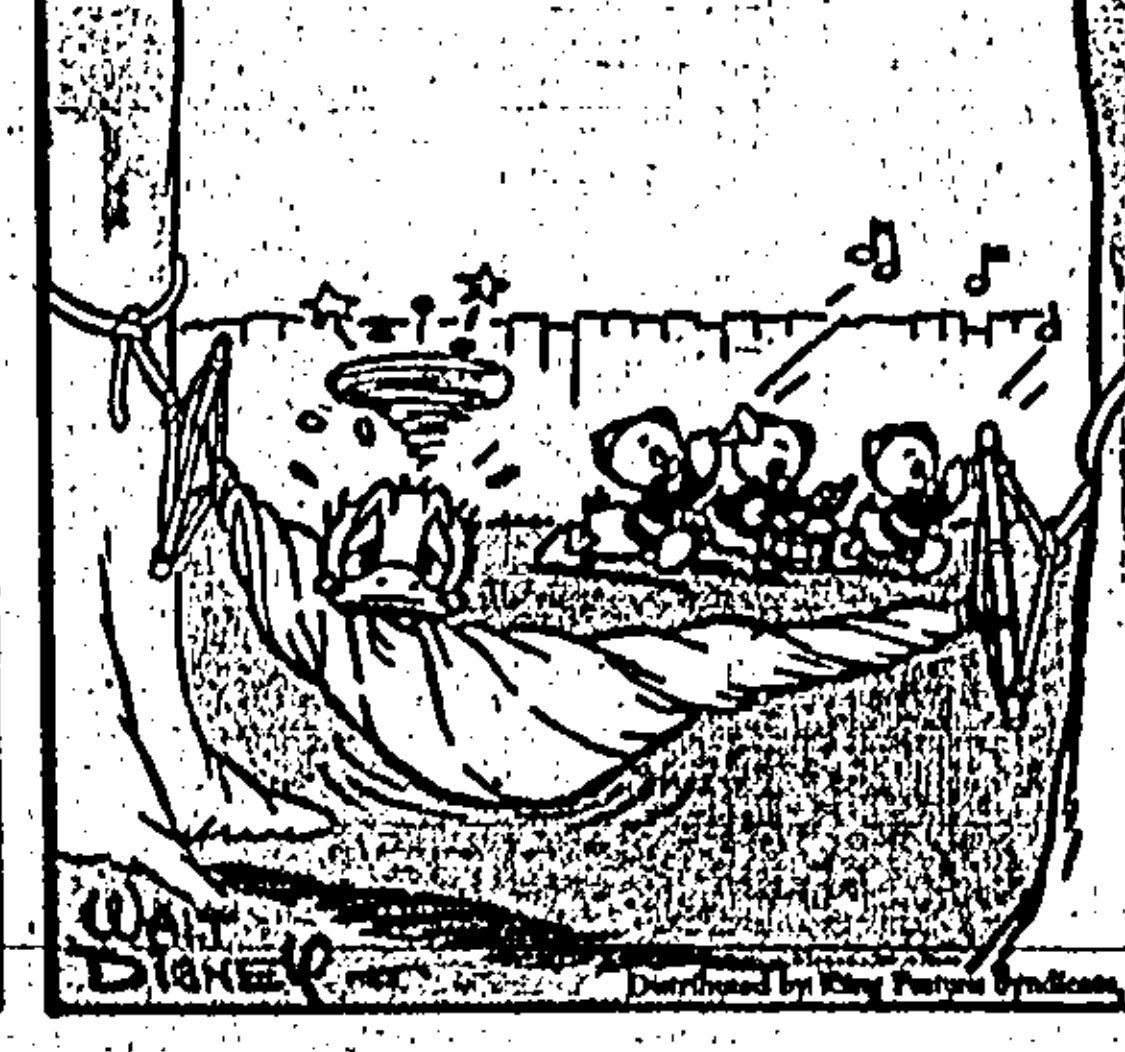
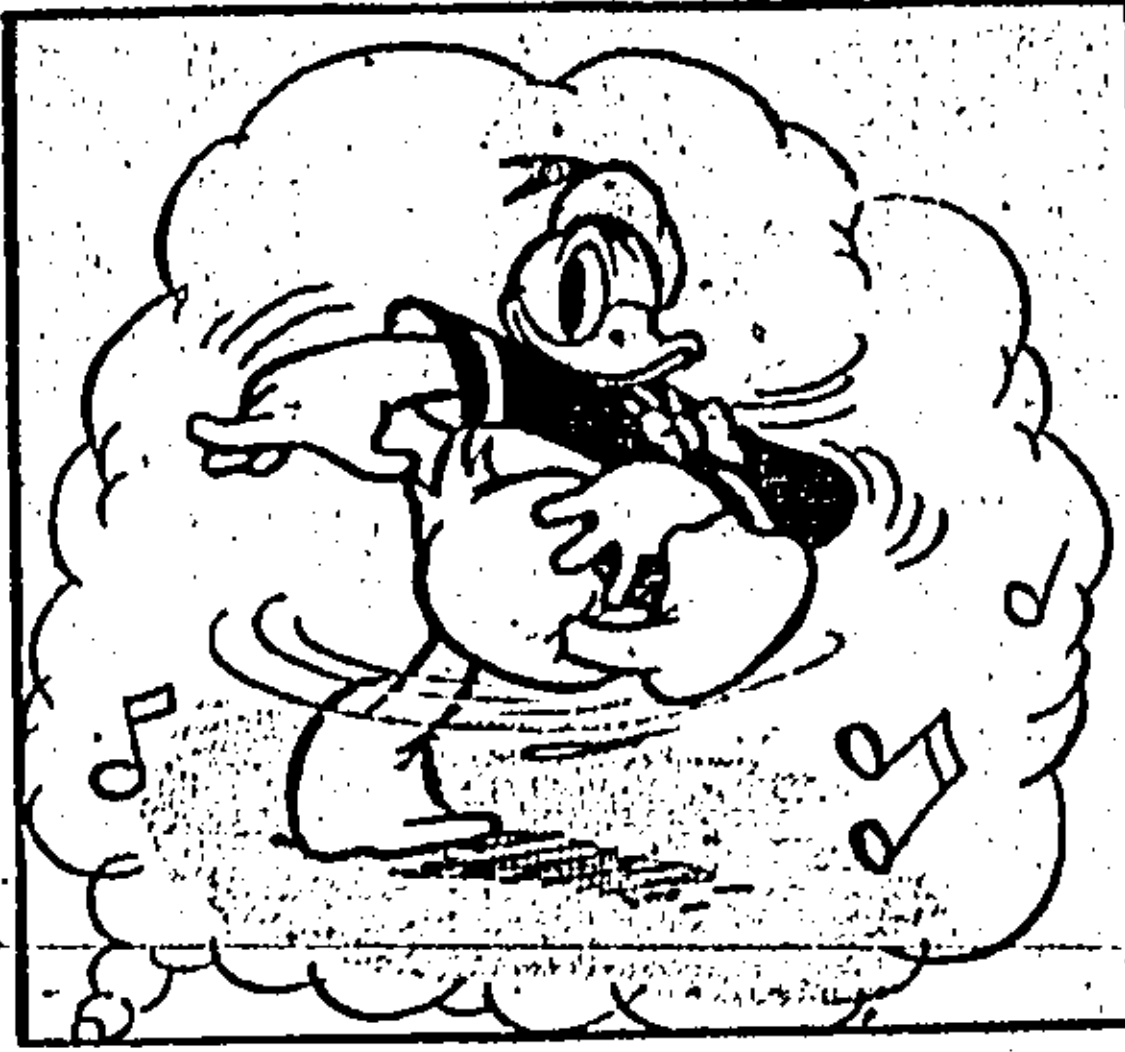
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Martial Law In Holland

New Measures By
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LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—According to the German-controlled Hilversum radio, martial law is decreed in the occupied parts of Holland.

The announcement is accompanied by a list of severe penalties for specified "crimes," including assisting civilians to escape from the German-occupied areas or giving information prejudicial to German interests.

The rate of exchange is fixed at one and a half marks to one guilder. The military authorities' receipts must be accepted for purchases over 500 marks.

Dutch troops will be employed in repairing damage.

More Government Appointments

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Further Government appointments were announced from No. 10 Downing Street to-night and include the War Office and Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State—Brig. General Sir Henry Page-Croft and Sir Edward Grigg, Financial Secretary—Mr. Richard Klaw, Treasury Joint Parliamentary Secretaries—Capt. Margeson and Sir Charles Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Economic Warfare—Mr. Dingle Foot, Under-Secretary for India and Burma—the Duke of Devonshire, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Admiralty—Sir Victor Warrender, Parliamentary Secretary of Pensions—Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information—Mr. Harold Nicholson.

LETTERS

To The Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

dear mlaier editor
I ave bin receivin a lot ov letters from people wot sez I dont rite proper langwidge, they sez my gram-mar is bad—poor ole gal she kicked the bucket years ago
anyway I ave bin havin sum lessena from a teacher wot I got from the adverts in the little ole mornin post an corlume shes a little bit of orlright she kin lork orl sorts of langwidges an she knows sum good wuns abart may wot

corloveduck yu as ter lern a lot of fings in grammer I fink orl noospaper blokes should ave sum

first yu as ter lern nouns sum of wich is proper an sum you mustnt say at all a abstract noun is one wich yu cant hear see touch or smell a collective noun is wastepaper basket

a interjockshun is wot a bloke does wen e is too fritened to make grammer. I erd a bloke in ml bank say a interjockshun the uvver day wen the clark give in is check back wiv robert donate inishula on it

figure langwidge is wen you meen chicken an sez chandeleer (french fer rooster)

then yu as ter lern genders wich shows wewer a bloke is masculin femalin or neutral. neutral is wot little ole mussolency is but e aint sure wot side e is neutral on

conjugshun is lakin up yer sleeve an a conjunkshun is the place where two railway lines cums together

annuver noun is trowsls wich is a funny wun because they are plural at the bottom and singlar at the top the plural of ox is oxygen

femalin fer batchlor is lady in wulthin and the first person is adam an teacher is also techin me sum french an wun day I will rite yu sum letters in french if yu would like sum

french is a very andy langwidge and orl the cuss words meens animals yu can corl a bloke evryfing in a blinkin farmyard hors derves is a french word meenin out of work and hors de combat meens war horse

topkin abart words the uvver day I see in the noospaper sumfing abart inflation in germany so I arst ml teacher abart it an she sed they as to ave inflation in germany becos uvverwys little ole goring wouldnt ave enywhere to ang is meens

—sin faly an mlaier editor, inky pinky partyyoo

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erbert jiggs

Decorations For Daring

16 R.A.F. Heroes Win
Recognition

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Many daring exploits have gained for officers and non-commissioned officers awards for gallantry and devotion to duty.

Twelve Distinguished Flying Crosses and four Distinguished Flying Medals were awarded in the latest series of Air Ministry bulletins.

Outstanding Deeds.
Among the outstanding deeds was one in which an officer, compelled to land owing to shortage of petrol on the return flight from Warsaw, found himself in a small field in Germany. Despite the difficulties, he managed to take off again and save the aircraft and the crew.

A non-commissioned officer obtained a direct hit on a submarine in the Heligoland Bight.

One officer landed important passengers in Norway despite very bad weather all the time and persistent bombing attacks.

Navigator's Feat.
In another instance the navigator of an aircraft engaged in special night reconnaissance, took control when the Squadron Leader was wounded and the controls and instruments were damaged. He brought the damaged aircraft back over 450 miles of sea.

MORE TAXES FOR U.S. SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter).—The realization is spreading that President Roosevelt's defence proposals yesterday are but a beginning, and some political observers declare that Treasury officials are privately discussing the expenditure of an additional ten million dollars for defence before the end of 1942. As Congress begins to attack the problem of passing the new defence programme, the Press is busy reminding the nation that the new armaments must be paid for. The most widely suggested means is through a greatly increased income tax.

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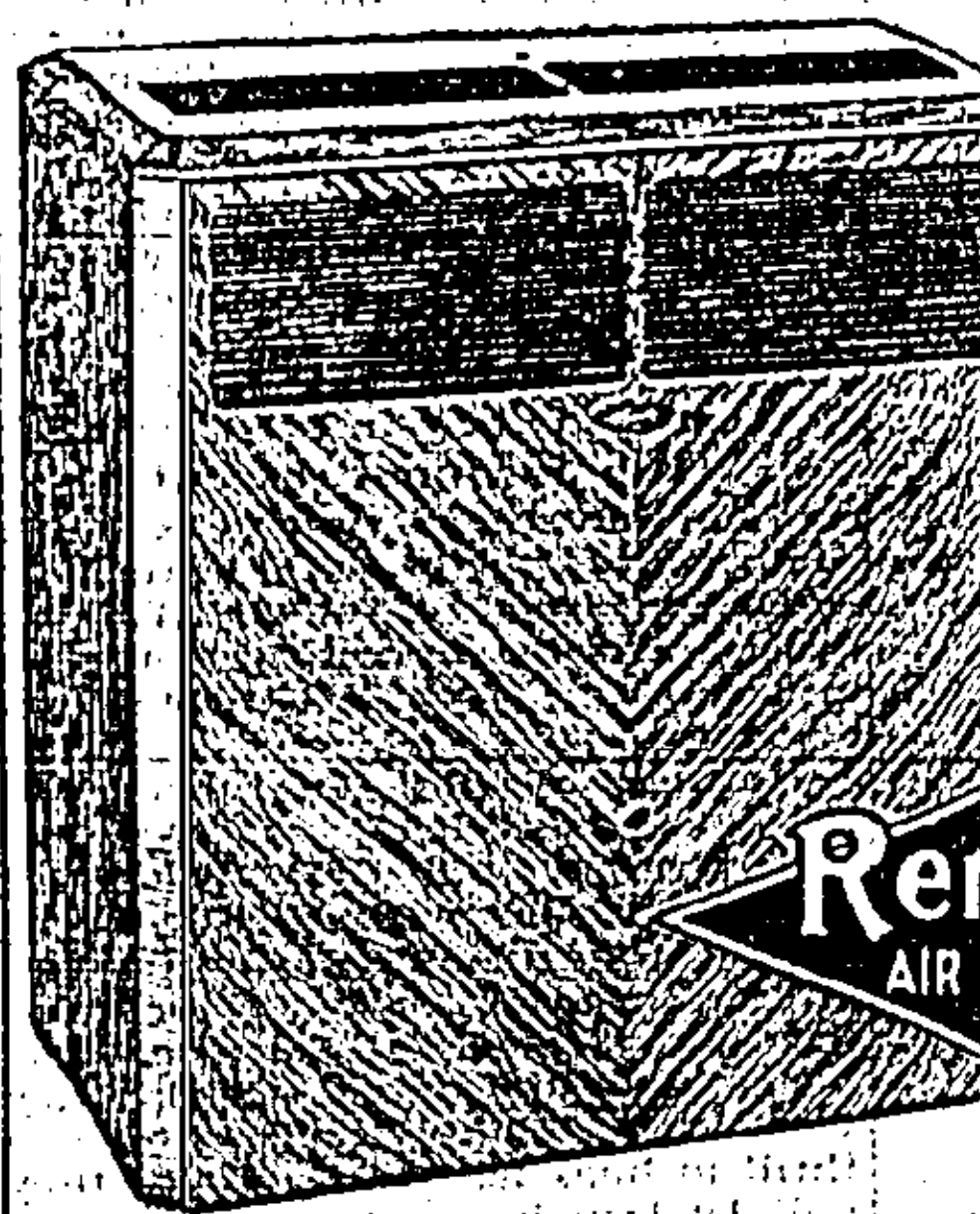
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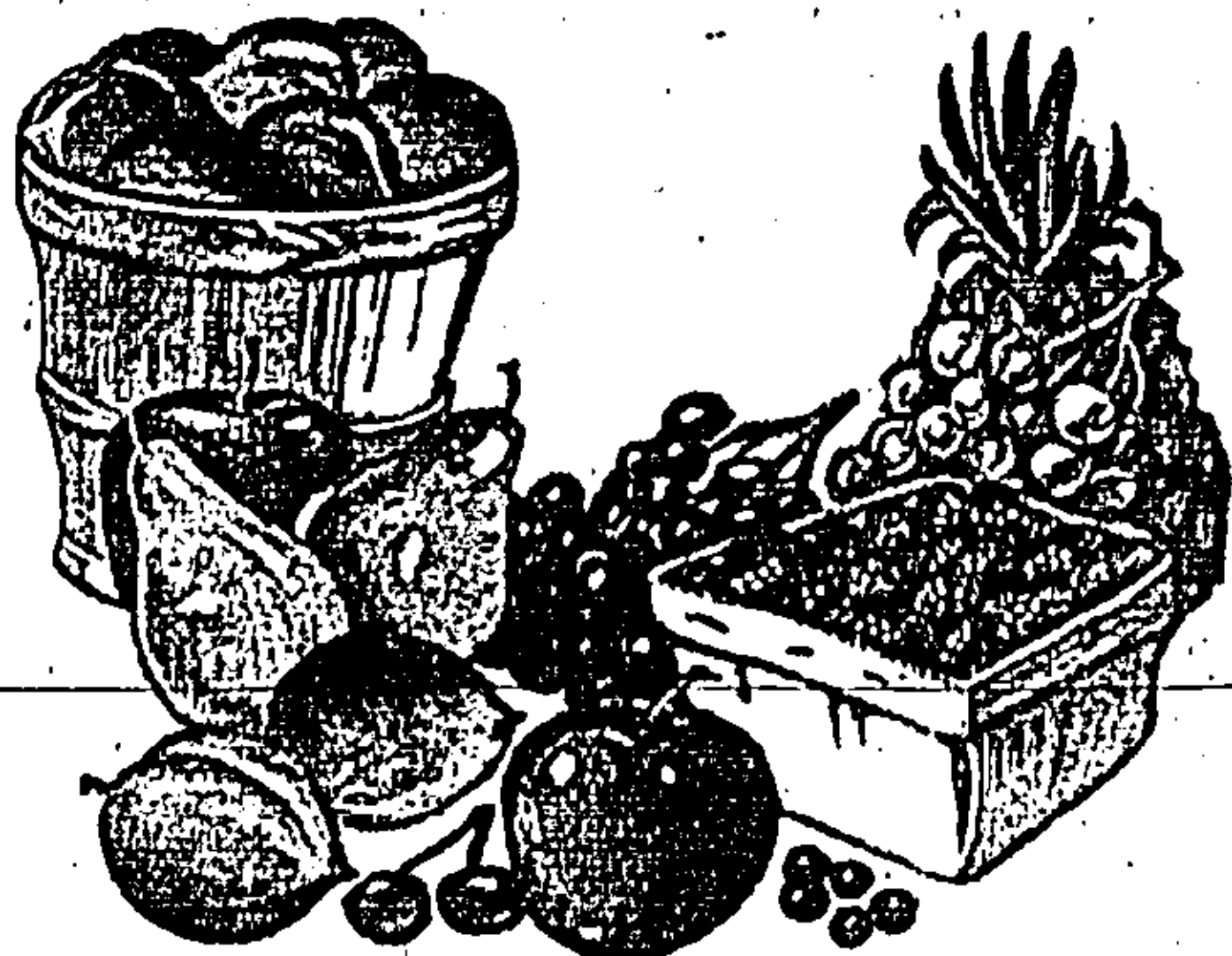
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NAZI BOMBER LEFT THEM TO DROWN



One of the Dutch seamen who were bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi airmen being lifted from a rescuing British submarine at a Scottish port.

BRITONS (in Germany) DIG FOR VICTORY

GERMANY is making British prisoners "dig for victory"—the Fuehrer's—according to broadcasts by captured British soldiers.

THEY ARE BUILDING BAR-RACKS FOR MORE PRISONERS. The latest broadcast is that of five men said to have been captured by a German raiding party on the Western Front recently and to be in a prison camp in the west of Germany.

All were stated to be "fit and well," but a few of their comrades were said to be still in hospital. When a man described as Harry Wild, of Ferndale-road, Islington, London, declared that he was "digging for what they call here victory," the German commentator declared:

"You are digging here new barracks for further accommodation. You are going to move soon as some more are coming in due course."

That is the way in every war. His Second Broadcast For the second time in six weeks the Nazis brought to the microphone Lance-Corporal Johnny Walford, who was the first British prisoner to broadcast from a German prison camp.

He said: "Hello, Beryl, I am well and doing navvying. Sixteen-year-old Beryl-Bishop sat up late with her mother in the drawing-room of their home in Princes-street, Battersea, S.W., specially to hear the broadcast."

She said: "I never thought they would use Johnny again. It was a thrill to hear his voice. I hope they will let him broadcast regularly. It's the only way I can be sure he's well. Navvying won't bother Johnny; he's strong."

"Mother says I am too young to marry, but I shall wait for Johnny however long the war lasts."

Beryl has known Johnny since she was twelve. Others who broadcast were Jack Bateman, London postal worker, who belonged to No. 1 Branch, E.C.D.A.; Tom Burnet, of Croyland-road, Edmonton, N.; and Joseph Nugent, an Irishman from Surrey.

"I Am O.K." Bateman, in a message to "Elsie," said:

"I hope you are all right and also you, Pat and the children as well. I am O.K. and cannot grumble at the weather here. It is nice today."

Burnet asked "Dad and Mum" to send his kind regards to Maud and to the mother of St. Dunstan's. He said he was "navvying with Johnny Walford to keep myself fit."

"Digging for victory?" asked the Nazi. Nugent said: "Hello, Francis. I hope you are well, and the boys."

At the end of the broadcast the announcer said, quoted by Reuters: "We hope to be able to make similar broadcasts in the course of the next few days."



This Boy Can Speak After Ten Years

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Peter Cripps, of Dartford, Kent, can speak for the first time since he was two.

In all that time he had breathed through a rubber tube in his neck. Now plastic surgery has given him a new windpipe, with skin grafted from his left arm.

When Peter first spoke the other day, his own voice frightened him. But when he leaves Great Ormond-street Hospital for Sick Children he will be able to talk, sing and whistle.

At the age of two a disease of the larynx affected Peter's windpipe. A delicate operation was performed, and the rubber tube was given an outlet through a hole where he will now be able to wear a collar.

"The words come now."

German terror film flops

GOERING has ordered all cinemas in Germany to show the new propaganda film, "Baptism of Fire," in an effort to restore the people's faith in the supremacy of his air force.

The film shows the terrible destruction wrought by the German air force in Poland, and concludes with the declaration that the same fate awaits Britain.

A neutral newspaper correspondent reports that the film failed to convince the audience at a recent premiere.

Women warned not to wear trousers

THIRTEEN "don'ts" are handed to men and women who go to France to entertain the troops under the E.N.S.A. scheme. And women, in addition, are warned not to wear trousers "because it might not be understood." In the list are:

1. Don't discuss military matters in public.
2. Don't discuss the war with strangers.
3. Don't discuss conditions at home.
4. Don't discourage the British war effort.
5. Don't leave letters lying about.
6. Don't tell your friends all about it at home.

An E.N.S.A. official said, "It's the first we've heard about the ban on trousers. Artists are supplied with a list of 'Don'ts,' but so far as we are concerned they can wear what they like."

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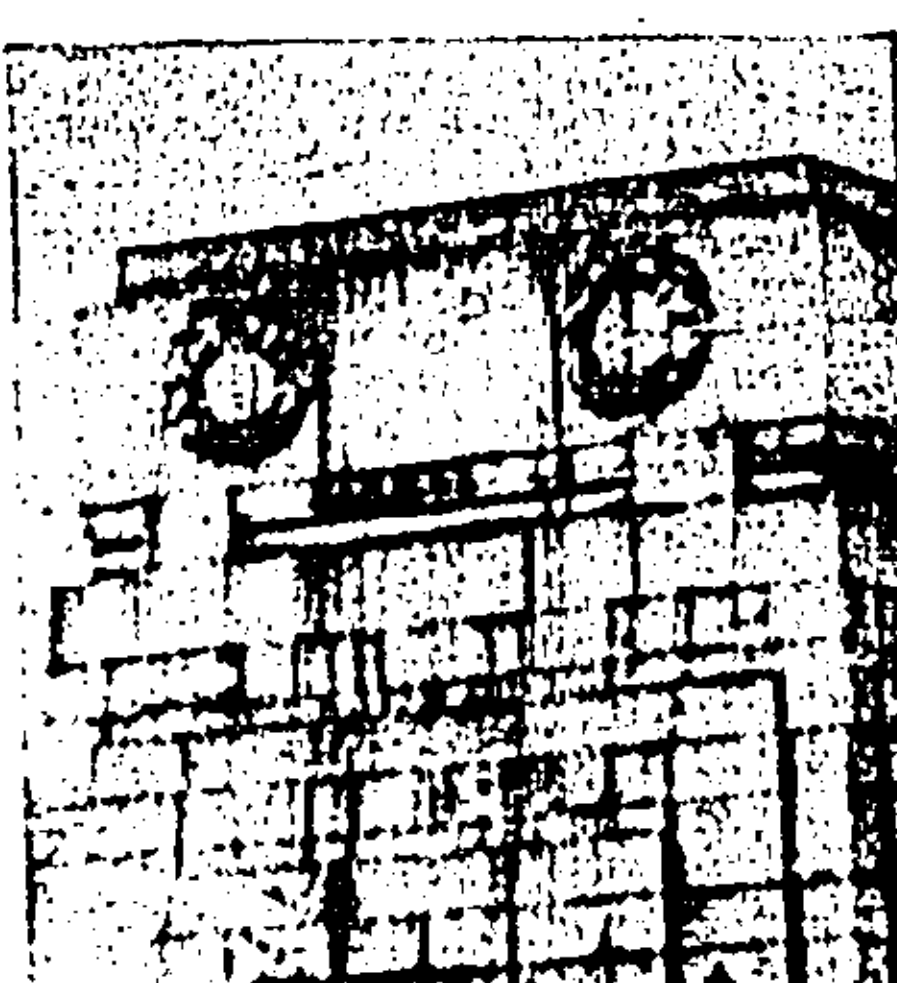
LEFT.—French airmen preparing to take off on a raid into Berlin.

BELOW.—French soldiers preparing to embark from an unnamed port for Norway.

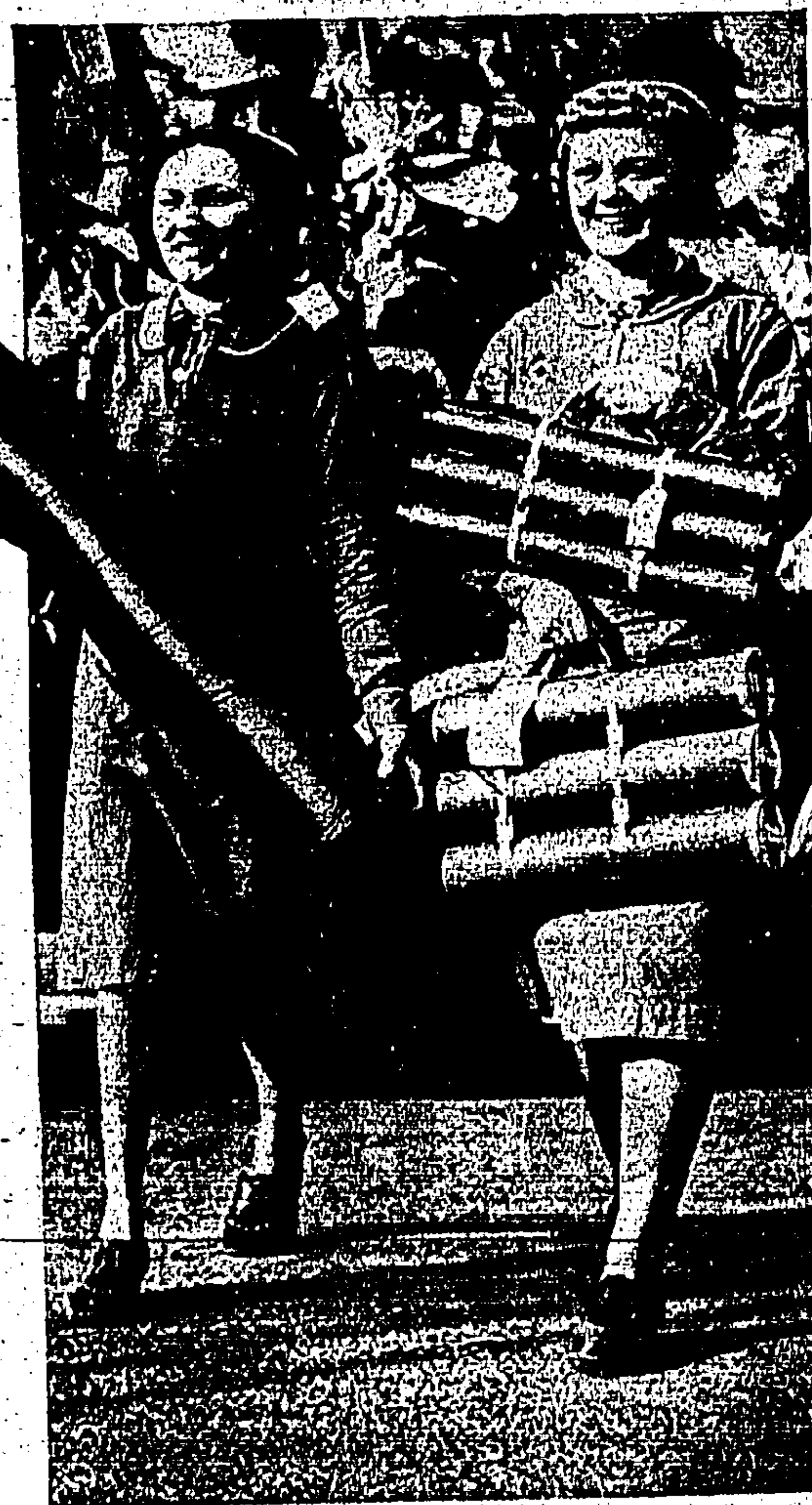


ABOVE.—"Stella" is one of the big French guns now in action against the invaders.

RIGHT.—A scene on the Libyan frontier.



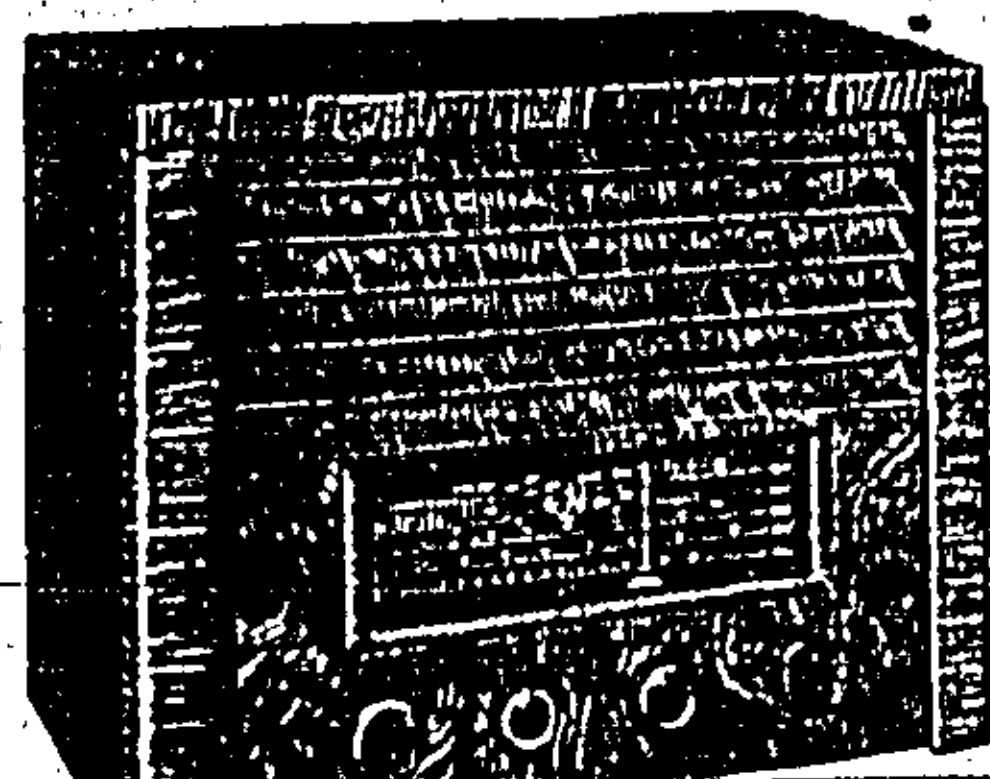
ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS somewhere in France for a spot of trench digging



ABOVE.—The smiling girls are helping to win the war in England.

LEFT.—The 2nd Bn., The Black Watch, marching through London preparatory to embarking for France.

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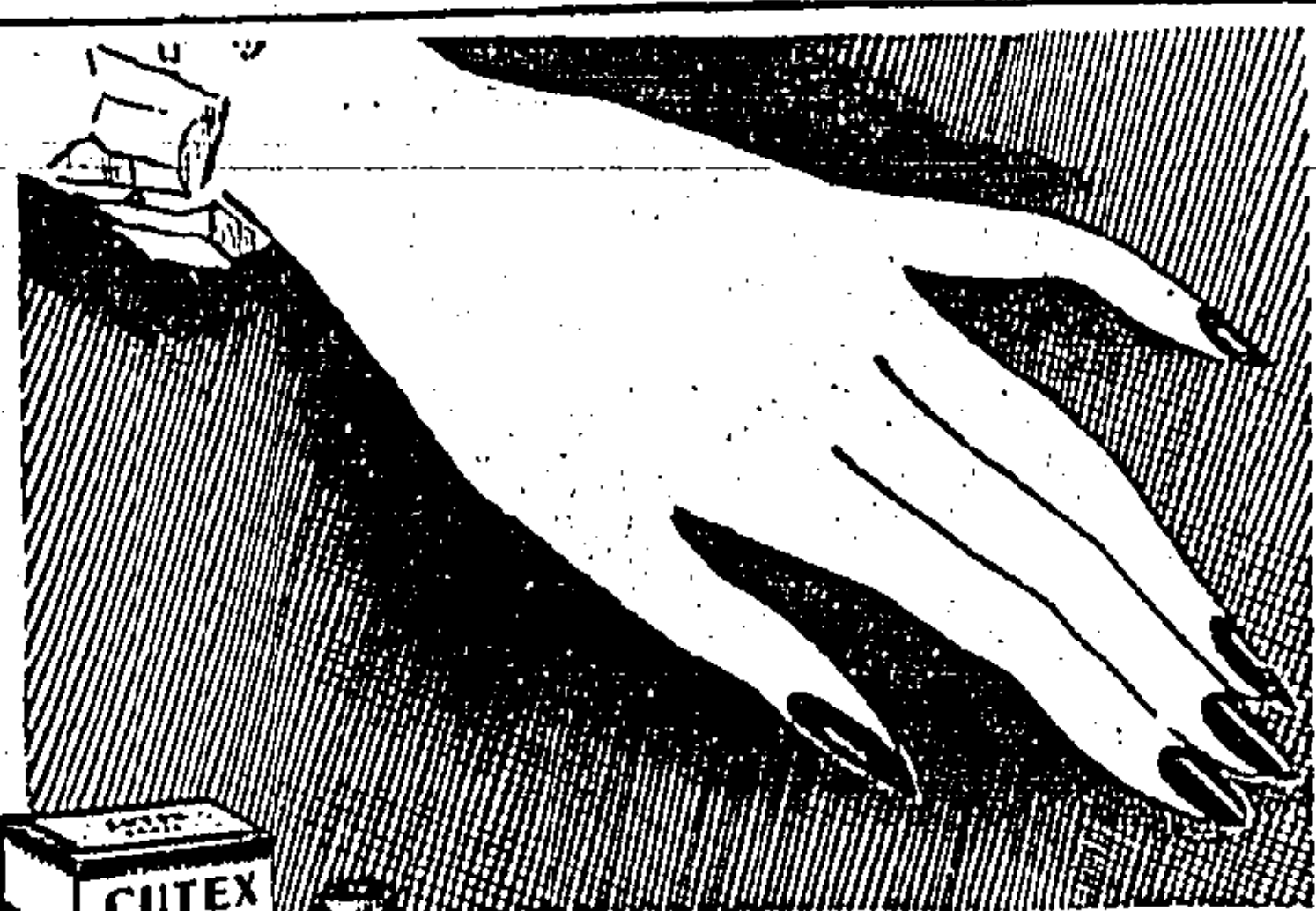
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The enforced withdrawal of the old wealthy German families from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, was a very severe blow to German prestige.

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with a receding hairline, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The image is framed by a thick black border.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Something wonderful happened to-day, dear!—I baked my first pig and it was stolen right off the window sill!"

Weekly Commentary By "The Scrutineer"

DISUNITED TRINITY

but no one has ever suggested that the British Navy has lost its darling

g be crippled



MEMBERS of the Hongkong V.D.C. Nursing Detachment drawn up for inspection by their Honorary Commandant, Mrs. A. E. Grassie. The inspection took place last week.



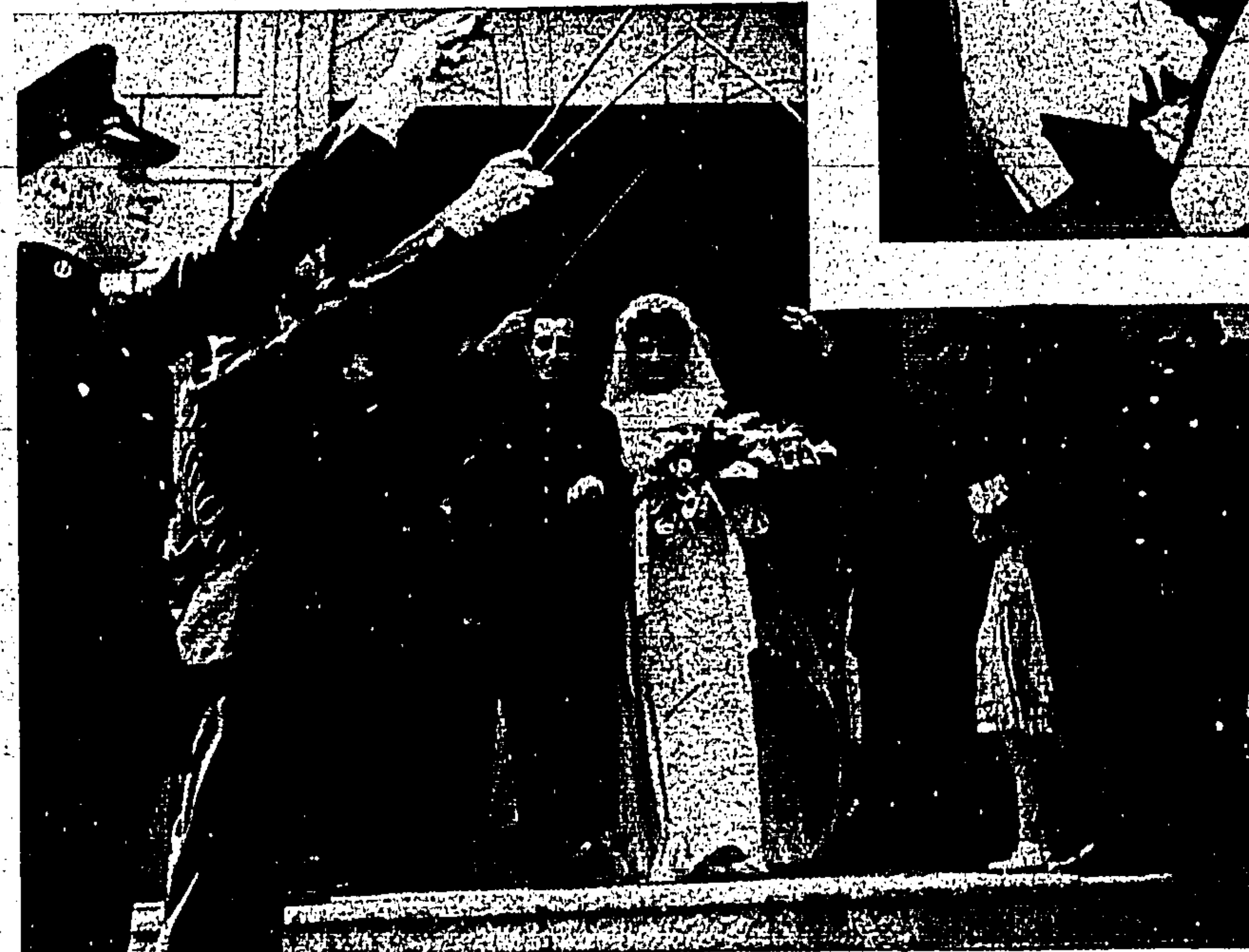
BRIDE:—Charming study of Miss Iris Woolley taken after her marriage last week to Mr. D. Joyce. The ceremony was held at St. Andrew's Church and attended by a large number of friends. — Ming Yuen.



ACTRESS:—Miss Chen Yun-shang, the famous Chinese film actress, who, three months ago, was requested to come back to Hongkong to star in a Chinese talking picture, left for Shanghai last week to start production on another picture there. Here Miss Chen is seen waving farewell to friends at the entrance of the Kowloon wharves. — S. Z. Ding.



LOVELY LITTLE Mary White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. White, caught by the camera in a happy mood after the wedding last week between Mr. D. Joyce and Miss Iris Woolley. — Ming Yuen.



MILITARY WEDDING:—Fellow N.C.O.s formed an archway of military swagger canes for Cpl. D. L. S. Norcutt of the Middlesex Regiment, and his bride, Miss C. P. Hunt, when they emerged from St. Teresa's Church last Saturday after their wedding. — Ming Yuen.



WEDDING:—Mr. and Mrs. D. Keating (nee Miss M. Baker), photographed with friends outside of St. Andrew's Church after their wedding last week. — Ming Yuen.

CHAMPIONS: Here we see the 8th Heavy Battery Regiment athletic team, which, under Lieut. P. T. J. Skipworth, won chief honours in the recent Hongkong Area sports meetings. — Kahn.



ONE OF THE several dinner parties at the American Club last week, who attended a preview of the Warners film "Fighting 69th." In the party are Mr. Brownly, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Crompton, and Mrs. Richmond. — Ming Yuen.



Pamela picked at her food



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WINNERS:—Here is the soccer team of H.M.S. Thracian which won the H.K. Naval Football League during the past season. Back row: J. O'Regan, A. Rutter, and J. Williams. Second Row: W. Vosper, F. Francis, D. Coombes, and F. Hind. Third row: E. Paul, P. O. W. H. Cook, Lt.-Comdr. H. De-Chair, Lieut. F. W. M. Carter, and W. Willis. Front row: A. Birch, L. Bowden and J. Duffy.



BRIDAL PARTY:—Here is the bridal party photographed after the wedding last week at St. Teresa's Church of Cpl. D. L. S. Norcott of the Middlesex Regiment and Miss C. F. Hunt. —Ming Yuen.



FILM PREVIEW:—A section of the large attendance at the American Club last week for a special preview of the film "The Fighting 69th." The company is clearly enjoying themselves. —Ming Yuen.



HOCKEY CHAMPIONS:—Once again the Radio Sports Club are champions of the Hongkong Hockey Association league, for the season just ended. Here is the team which brought honours to the club. —Ming Yuen.

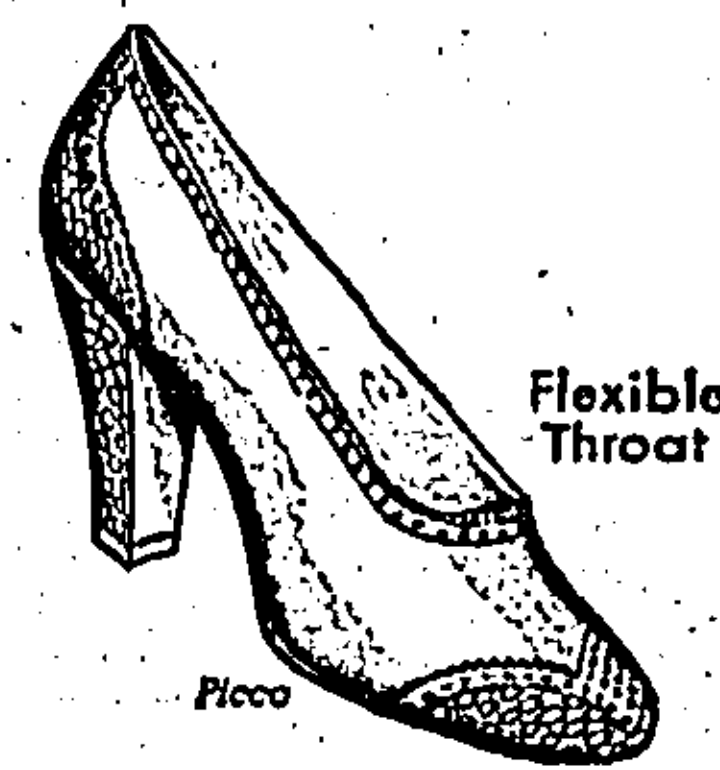


NAVAL VOLUNTEERS DINE:—Two flashlight studies taken during the recent annual dinner of the Hongkong Naval Volunteers Band and Band. The function was held in the Hongkong Hotel and was featured by several important speeches. —Ming Yuen.



NURSING VOLUNTEER:—This study of Mrs. Yale, wife of Lieut.-Col. J. C. L. Yale, was taken at the recent inspection of the Hongkong V.D.C. Nursing Detachment by Mrs. A. E. Gragell. Mrs. Yale is one of the leading members of the Nursing Detachment. —Kahn.

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How to Keep Cool When the Heat Waves



The editor must have a very poor opinion of our readers. "Write about heat waves," he said. "They're in the fashion now." He talks like that.

"WHAT the devil can I write about heat waves?" I asked.

"Oh—er—just heat waves and all that. Anyhow, get on with it."

Ah, well... heat waves (time off to walk up and down the floor a bit).

The history of heat waves goes very far back and traces of mummified heat waves have been found in Egyptian tombs. No. That's no good.

It has been noticed that the incidence of heat waves or periods of intense heat occur mostly during the summer equinox (now we're off).

In the temperate zone, heat waves do not occur. That's why people remain temperate in those zones.

Some people, of course, own their own zones. (If you say "own their own zones" two hundred times, you go sound asleep. Try it!)

They can turn a temperate zone into a hot one by carrying a bottle on the hip—or by having a well-stocked ice-chest.

Personally, I am not averse to heat waves. I have a natural propensity for heat, cool drinks and general exhalation, and during heat waves this goes unnoticed.

In cool weather when everybody is hurrying about the place doing things, they point at me and say, "Look at that lazy brute!"

It is quite natural to show signs of fatigue on a hot day, but somehow my boss doesn't seem to understand. If I'm doing a bit of

fatiguing with my feet up on the desk and a cushion at the back of my neck he starts asking me what do I think he's paying me for.

How the devil do I know? Fancy asking a man a difficult question like that when he's half asleep.

Heat waves can be treated in various ways. Personally, I find that lying on the floor of the bathroom watching the shower pour is fairly soothing. Walking about the house in your pyjama pants and singlet is barred at our place.

That's why I'd like to stay at a boarding-house run by a broad-minded landlady. Most of the landladies I've stayed with have been broad, but not in the mind.

I seem to have slid off the subject of heat waves. I get chattering away—you know how it is.

HEAT WAVES!

The heat wave is frequently responsible for sunstroke, prickly heat, rashes and hot rhythm. They were invented by a Phoenician ice-cream vendor in the year 859 B.C.—strangely enough.

Mysterious Origin

SINCE writing that bit about "strangely enough" I have been called to the phone and I have forgotten what it was about. I'll skip it if you don't mind.

About these heat waves, and to blues with them, where they be-

long! They are caused by solar reaction on the upper substratum which generates nebulous cross-currents at the zenith and all points west.

These is no known cure for them although I have discovered a palliative which is a simple preparation of orange juice, crushed ice and gin.

I regret to say that my distinguished relative has been thrown out of Germany for asking Doctor Goebbels for a couple of pfennigs

for the upkeep of the Jewish Chess Club in Palestine.

It was rash of him, but we all get a rash of some kind at some time or other.

Getting back to this heat wave business again, I have found a way of enjoying it.

You just go and sit in the hottest place you can find. When you are two degrees from total collapse, eat a cucumber.

I did this and finished up in a lovely air-conditioned hospital with ice-pucks on me. It was glorious.

This is pay day for me. My programme on this day is—

- (1) Dodge the wife.
- (2) Plate of iced asparagus.
- (3) Pint of iced lager.
- (4) Take collar off.
- (5) Take shoes and coat off.
- (6) Put forehead in wash basin. Remember there is one final hope. If many visits to the bar still leave you feeling hot, you can assure yourself of a cool reception at home.

I am now going home—devilously.

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YOU HEAR IT EVERY HEAT WAVE—

"WHY DON'T MEN DRESS LIKE WOMEN?"

—WELL HERE GOES—

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TARNATION! —A LADDER!

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YOU'VE BEEN AT MY LIPSTICK AGAIN, YOU YOUNG MONKEY!

BRIDGE PROBLEM

No. 3

♠ J 9 4

♥ 10

♦ Nil

♣ 7

♠ A 10 8

♥ Nil

♦ K

♣ 7

Hearts are trumps. South leads and North-South must win all five tricks. Solution next week.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 2

South wins with ace of spades and follows with nine of trumps (hearts), which North overtakes with ten. North returns spade nine which East wins with king and leads small club which South wins with ace. South wins with spade queen. North discarding a club. South follows with small trump and North ruffs West's king with trump jack. North leads queen and three of trumps, the second of which is won by East who has to lead clubs and South with jack 9 of clubs.

If, at trick four, East throws his king under the ace of spades, South follows with queen and seven of spades the last of which West wins. North discarding a club. West may (a) win with jack of diamonds and follow with trump six which North will win with queen and follow with jack ten and three of trumps and West will be squeezed so that he must throw either his master diamond or unguard his club king, and North-South will win the last two tricks. If, at trick four, West (b) leads his trump immediately, instead of diamond jack, North will win with ten, play his club to South's ace, ruff the return club with jack lead queen and three of trumps and the last two tricks will fall to South's clubs as in first solution.

'Ribbentrop As Purge Victim'

NEW YORK.

A prediction that "1940 will bring purges in Germany, and that Von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, will be one of the 'casualties,'" is made by Dorothy Thompson in the New York Herald Tribune.

She also foretells that the "National Socialist regime will encounter the strongest opposition from the women and farmers during 1940."

Dealing with the Allies' control of the seas, the New York Times writes: "There are good technical reasons for doubting whether Germany will accomplish anything with the 150-ton submarines which she is about to build."

"They would just about reach the jaws of Transatlantic traffic in mid-ocean when they would have to refuel. The harbours and estuaries of the British Isles are now so well mined, and the convoy system so effective, that not much can be expected from the activities in waters nearer home."—Reuter.

Brain-teasers

Here is the answer to last week's No. 1 Teaser.

1. Here are nine circles, three red, three white, and three blue.

They are arranged so that each red circle touches a white, each white touches a blue, and each blue touches a red.

Just mark them off according to their colours. The answer will appear next week.

YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING TEASERS ON PAGES 4 & 5.

2. What was the name of the famous musical comedy that was adapted from Bernard Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man?"

3. A lepidopterist is a student of (a) flowers, (b) insects, (c) fish, (d) foreign languages, (e) the Old Testament.

4. What is the name of the organisation that controls England's lighthouses?

5. Is it true to say that Browning wrote the poem "How They Brought The Good News From Aix To Ghent"?

6. "Lillibullers" is the name of (a) A famous Italian pirate, (b) A town in Ireland, (c) Country name for a potent vegetable wine, (d) Popular song of the 17th Century.

7. Who succeeded Sir Ronald Lindsay last year as our Ambassador to the U.S.A.?

8. Which of the following holds the greatest amount of liquid—a kiddiekin or a puncheon?

9. What services do the following abbreviations stand for? (a) N.A.S., (b) R.E.S., (c) E.N.S.A., (d) F.A.A.

10. What famous British comedian played his original profession in a recent film?

11. Out of the 52 counties in England and Wales, which two combined are known as the "County Palatine"?

12. In Helsinki in the north or the south of Finland?



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by Dorothy Cooke

EXERCISE

Take a light "skip jump" on the toes and swing both arms back (1), hop high on left foot, bending right knee up and swinging right arm forward upward (2), repeat the "skip jump" (3), hop high on right foot, left knee and left arm up (4).

Do the exercise with bare feet or wear flat shoes and repeat it eight times. Think of a jolly tune while you hop, two beats to each movement.

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'TEASERS' ANSWERS

HERE are the answers to the Teasers in Column Two.

2. The Chocolate Soldier. 3. Insects. 4. Trinity House. 5. No. Browning wrote "How They Brought The Good News From Ghent To Aix." 6. A popular song of the 17th Century. 7. The Marquis of Lothian. 8. A. South.

9. (a) Nursing Auxiliary Service. (b) River Emergency Service. (c) Entertainment National Services Association. (d) Fleet Air Arm. 10. George Formby as a jockey in "Come On, George." 11. Lancashire and Cheshire. 12.

"It's a good thing"

she said "you're not like my brother.

He never makes friends

with people."

HE SAID

"I should say it

depends on the

people. Fat was

very kind to me

when I noticed

you looking for

a cigarette."



SHE SAID

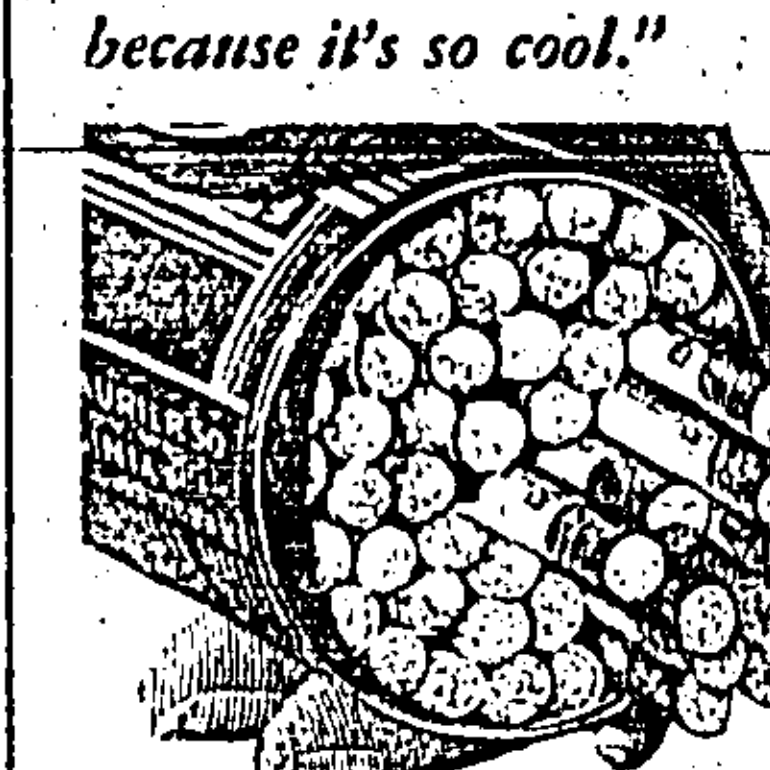
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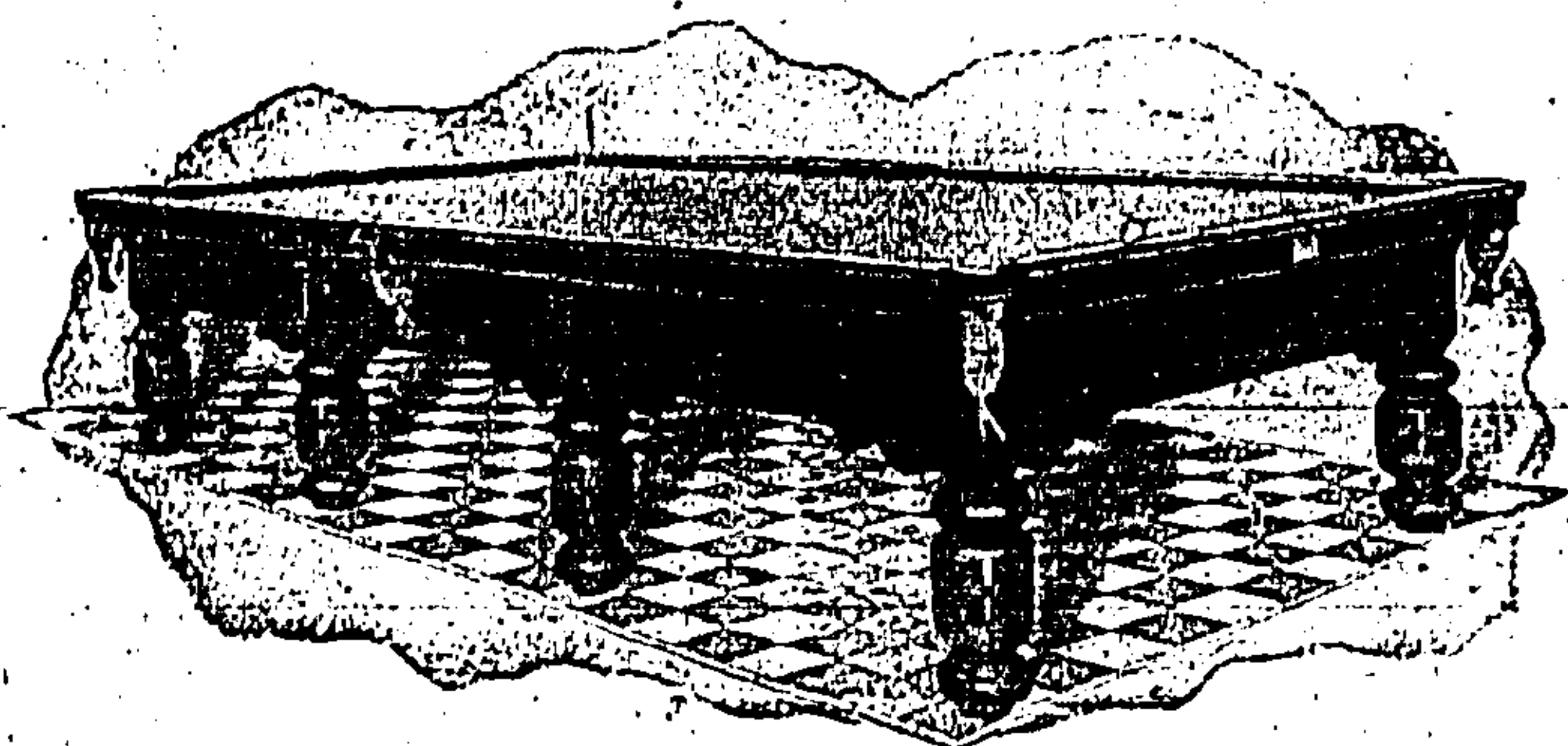
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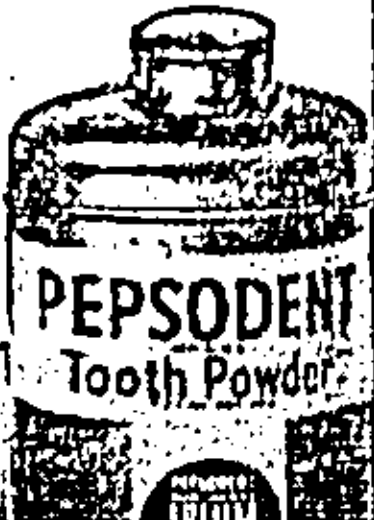


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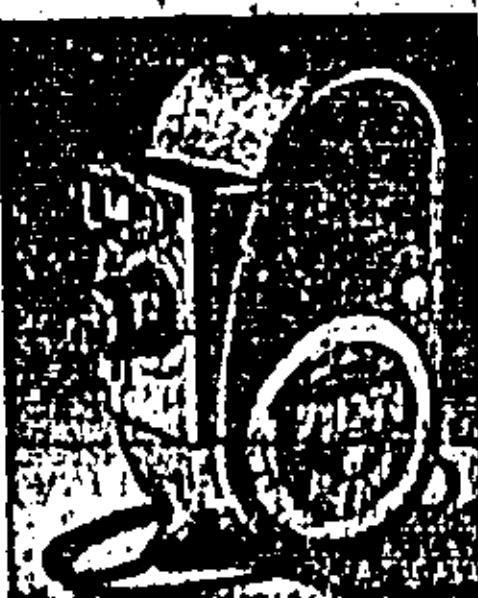


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I haven't sucked a stick of barley sugar this forty-years and they taste fine. I haven't had a god-mother this forty-years either till you wrote from London to say you

adopted us. I was never in London. Well, you'll be about the age of my daughter, no doubt, but I'm glad to have you for a godmother, for there's not many men of my age have such a thing.

YOU write and ask me to tell you what we are doing all day. I'll tell you. Just sweeping for mines. And the way we do it is this. We have a float on a wire and a kite that keeps the float out on our quarter and a weight on the wire to keep it well down near the bot-

tom. We steam along then till the wire catches in the mooring of a mine and it cuts it. Then up comes the mine to the surface and we have a bit of fun sinking it with the Lewis gun and rifles.

I'm no so handy with the rifle myself, but my gunner he's an old Navy man. Retired, of course, but a right proper Deadshot Dick with that gun of his.

Did you ever read a book called "Deadshot Dick," missie? I mind reading it when I was a lad. That and the "Whirlwind Progress," another fine book.

WHILES it's cold, of course. But I've fished these waters and off Iceland and the Faroes for thirty years; times you couldn't touch a bit of iron or the flesh stuck to it with the cold. And no lussie sent us barley sugar in those days. Saltwater sores we got, but no barley sugar.

But I was telling you about the mines. There's two kinds, the moored and the magnetic, and they sit on the bottom till you pass over them and then up they go. So we tow a magnet between two trawlers and hope that will pass over the mine instead of the Laughing Water.

The other kind—the ones that come to the surface when the sweep wire cuts their mooring—have horns. And if you bump one of these horns, up you go.

So when we are shooting at them to sink them we don't go too near in case the bullet strikes a horn and the mine explodes. I've known it happen, and we got a nice lot of fish stunned by the explosion.

One day we were stern of another trawler sweeping ahead of us, and her sweep wire cut a mine mooring very near through but not quite. There was, maybe, one strand that didn't part for a few seconds. And then it parted and up she came like the horned beast that you'll have read about in the Scriptures, right in our path.

IT was so close I dare not alter the helm, for it would have swung us round into her. I just did nothing, and I said to myself, "Angus, lad, this is the end," and I heard her bump along against the bows, but by the mercy of Providence we didn't touch a horn, and I gave the ship a wee bit of helm to swing the stern away, and we cleared it and we breathed deep.

I had all hands up with the rifles, and I said, "Now, lads, for a bit of fancy shooting." I was mad with that mine. It was bobbing about on top of the waves and we settled down to sink it before dark. Well, the devil himself was in that mine, missie, excuse me for mentioning it. But even Deadshot Dick couldn't sink it, and the cook put a bullet through the gunwale of the dinghy. So I clouted his head and sent him back to the galley, and I said to Dick, the gunner, "Let me have that Lewis gun."

IT was getting dusk and I wanted to get back to the base. Well, I was filled with righteous anger against that mine and I sent half a tray of bullets into it while it was on top of a wave.

I've never hit a haystack before or since. We watched it sink and disappear, and I said the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and I told Dick to take the gun away and clean it.

I'll be turning in now, miss. Your obedient servant,

Angus McNeil

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AN AIR-MAIL LETTER FROM ENGLAND

By KATHLEEN GREENE, O.B.E.

London, May 1.

I AM writing to you from Small-town. Every Smalltown in Britain is, to its inhabitants, one of the key positions of the Home Front.

If a parachute were to drop you to-day in the Smalltown that you remember best, I expect you would find it very much like this one. As you walked along the streets you would see that almost every house had some notice at its door:—"A.R.P." "Hospital Supply Depot"; "Warden's Post"; "A.R.P." again. A.R.P. (we practise economy in words) means, of course, Air Raid Precautions. In the eighth month of war we feel that it means also "All Ready; Prepared."

The stiffening element in A.R.P. is given by the officer pensioners of Navy, Army, Air Force and home and overseas civil services; too old to go back to their former work, filled with energy that in normal times would spend itself on local administration, and the golf links.

IN that remote period "before the Munich crisis" the organisation was a bit ragged. Eighteen months of intensive work, the last six months done by the light of blazing towns in Europe has pulled us all together.

For we are all in it in some capacity—as wardens, ambulance drivers, members of first aid parties, firemen... If we are too old for active work we can house a fire pump in the wood shed, or provide to comfort the Neighbour's dog, if Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour should be called out, one to his gas decontamination squad, the other to drive sitting cases to hospital in her car. Mrs. Neighbour will, I think, be bitterly disappointed if no night alarm gives her a chance of wearing the "siren suit" that lies beside her bed, and that can, according to the maker's promise, be put on in one movement to the sound of the warning hooter.

Each A.R.P. District has its Control Headquarters, housed generally in some public hall. Here a watch is kept by Air Raid Wardens all through the twenty-four hours. The telephones, by which news of a raid is received and spread, are continually manned.

IN actual fact these telephones are generally "womanised". A brilliant moon took me for a walk the other night before the nine o'clock news on the radio. Mrs. Pleasant—both her sons are following the trade of their father who was killed at Jutland—was coming down the street with thermos flask and knitting, on her way to her weekly night on duty at the telephone.

"Who'd have believed" she said, "that a Granny like me could help to win a war by spending a night with Colonel Oldsolder—and the girl from Slipper's Library to make it respectable!—in the Conservative Men's Club!"

Police and Air Raid Wardens are responsible for enforcing the "black-out". An unexpected door bell after dark sets the householder's conscience jumping! Our

Warden is a house painter, suspected of using a ladder on his inspection rounds.

Go down the streets of Smalltown now and you'll see never a glimmer. We've paid a big price for our darkness. Some cars must be about the roads at night; so must some people. The trouble happens when they meet.

"Summer time" with snow on the ground was rather a mockery. But that hour of daylight at the end instead of the beginning of the day is bringing down the accident rate. Are you old enough to remember the fuss people made about altering the hands of the clock when Willett's New Time was first made law in the last war?

OUTSIDE the network of A.R.P. are the Home Defences. Up and down the whole country, on windswept moors and downs, in waterlogged meadows, at the edges of cliffs, are the men of the Anti-Aircraft Command. The six months that we have spent in Smalltown, learning First Aid and looking after other people's children—duty been spent by these men on duty. Day after day, night after night, they have been watching, listening, waiting for the enemy that few of them have so far seen.

The weather has been the great secret of the war. It can be whispered now that it has been the worst weather than anyone living can remember. Gales in the autumn, when the flimsy tents that lodged the Anti-Aircraft men were blown right off the ground. Temperatures below zero. Snow so deep that no one could get into or out of the camps, where the crumb had been eaten before a way could be dug for the next rations to come through.

THE little huts that replaced the tents are not luxurious. In a space of less than twenty four feet the ten men of a post have to sleep, eat, keep all their gear. An oil stove gives them warmth; an oil lantern light. The nearest human habitation may be miles away. Leave it rare. To many town bred men the loneliness and silence of the country makes their lives as strange as if they were living in the Sahara.

By day the little camps are hidden, huts, men and guns merging into the heather or the grass. By night the searchlights can fill the sky till it looks like a medieval painter's vision of the Last Day. From a ridge of high ground above Smalltown, thirty... forty... fifty beams can be seen at once, sweeping round the horizon, rushing up the sky like a circle of gigantic hoses spraying the stars with milk. Then, as a switch has been turned, they vanish. Smalltown people go home with the comfortable feeling that they are ringed round with guardian eyes.

ONE enemy has crept in upon us this Spring.

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That particular piece of British showmanship was intended to notify any one concerned that Singapore was ready for action.

Singapore is the western point of Britain's Far East Defence Triangle, North-north-east of it is Hongkong, south-east of it is Port Darwin (Northern Australia).

SINGAPORE watches the broad defence problems of the whole area wherein lie British interests, territorial interests or vital shipping lanes. Hongkong therefore comes under its wing.

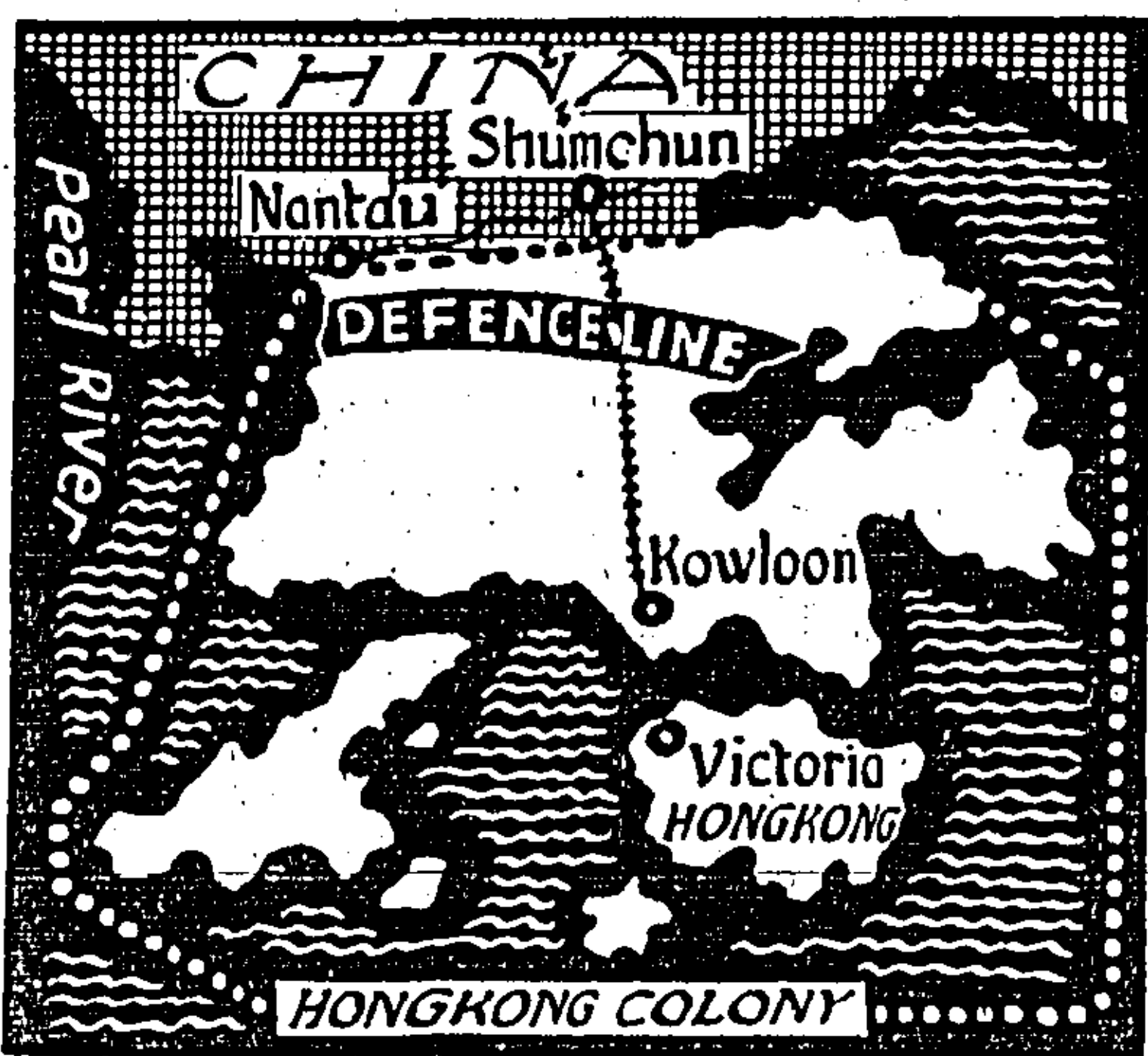
But Hongkong is itself a strong fortress, and in its turn takes responsibility for the protection of British possessions in Canton, Kweichow, Hankow, Shanghai, Chinkiang and Tientsin.

And Hongkong, too, is ready. It is as well able to defend itself as Gibraltar is.

Hongkong, which was a desolate island when ceded to Britain in 1841, has an area of thirty-two square miles. Further territory was added in 1898—the rocky peninsula of Kowloon and a number of other islands, making the total area 340 square miles. There is a mixed population of about 1,500,000.

It is important to remember that these 340 square miles are real

any one...



"As well able to defend itself as Gibraltar is."

British territory. They are an integral part of the Empire. Hongkong is a Crown Colony. Vastly different from the concessions in Tientsin or Shanghai or the International Settlement in Shanghai. As Britain's naval and commercial base in China, Hongkong is heavily

obsolete defences of a British fortress. He had a hand in supervising the repairs, and more recently, you may remember he straightened things out at Gibraltar.

Now the entrances to Hongkong's beautiful harbours are covered by powerful batteries and mines. No enemy warships could get in there—they would be sunk in the roads and become a boom against others.

The land front is fortified and manned, too. British and Indian regiments, reinforced by some 1,500 volunteers, are ready to man guns that range from 9.2 and 6-inch guns to mobile 25-pounders and 6-inch howitzers.

Concrete fortifications have been built here, and at the moment companies of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment and the Royal Scots are in them.

The frontier is strengthened by three lines of natural barriers of hills (which also have been fortified). Machine guns could do a lot of damage to invaders there. Everything is on the side of the defenders. Everything that is, except possible numbers of combatants.

HONGKONG'S gravest danger would be from bombers. They appear to be the only real danger. To minimise this Hongkong's Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Sir Geoffrey Alexander, Stafford Northcote (who gets £7,000 a year, including £2,200 entertainment allowance), made a big thing out of A.R.P.

He metaphorically took a pick out of Ironside's hand, and the Regular Army units now are armed with the world's best anti-aircraft guns—3.7's.

What about food supplies in the event of a blockade?

Well, in the first place, Hongkong's stores carry food for the population for nine months. No luxuries, mind you.

In the second place, the Navy takes a hand. Old British seadogs have run blockades in "tramps" before to-day.

HONGKONG took its tin-hat off the wall round about October, 1939. The rumble of Japanese guns and bombs was heard that month. It came from the east—Bliss Bay, old pirate stronghold, where Japanese naval landing parties were forcing their way on to the mainland.

It has worn the tin helmet since. Hongkong is (or was) China's last sea outlet to the world. The Japanese in their battleships, destroyers and gun-boats watched ships sail into Hongkong through a

great part of the present war carrying munitions for the Chinese. It must have been pretty mortifying.

Now China has overland contacts with the rest of the world. Mainly from Russia and Burma.

Also, Hongkong is inimical to Japanese anti-foreign-influence (excluding Japanese, of course) in China. In this great British Colony all nationalities can meet on equal terms. None is favoured.

Hongkong is a citadel of Western civilisation in the Far East. What does Hongkong think about her position? Major-General A. E. Granett, General Officer, Commanding British Troops in China, gave you the answer. He said:

"This fortress may be attacked. If that happens we will resist with the full power of our resources and strength. It is our interest to defend the Colony to the end."

Warwick Power

Harley Street Drawing Its Guineas

HARLEY STREET, where wealth and fashion resorted in peacetime, is getting busy again. Doctors and patients are returning, consulting rooms have reopened and blinds have been drawn up.

All because specialists who were enrolled in the emergency hospital service have been released by the Ministry of Health and are now free to return to their own practice.

"At the outbreak of war I was sent to look after the emergency service in a big hospital in Essex," one of the specialists said. "For weeks and months I had little to do, and the staff suffered from monotony."

But the Harley Street specialist, like the rest of his profession, is not wholly released from his war-time duties.

Between 700 and 800 doctors were enrolled in the service at salaries of £800 or more. Nearly 600 accepted the offer to return to private practice, but they must hold themselves ready for an emergency.

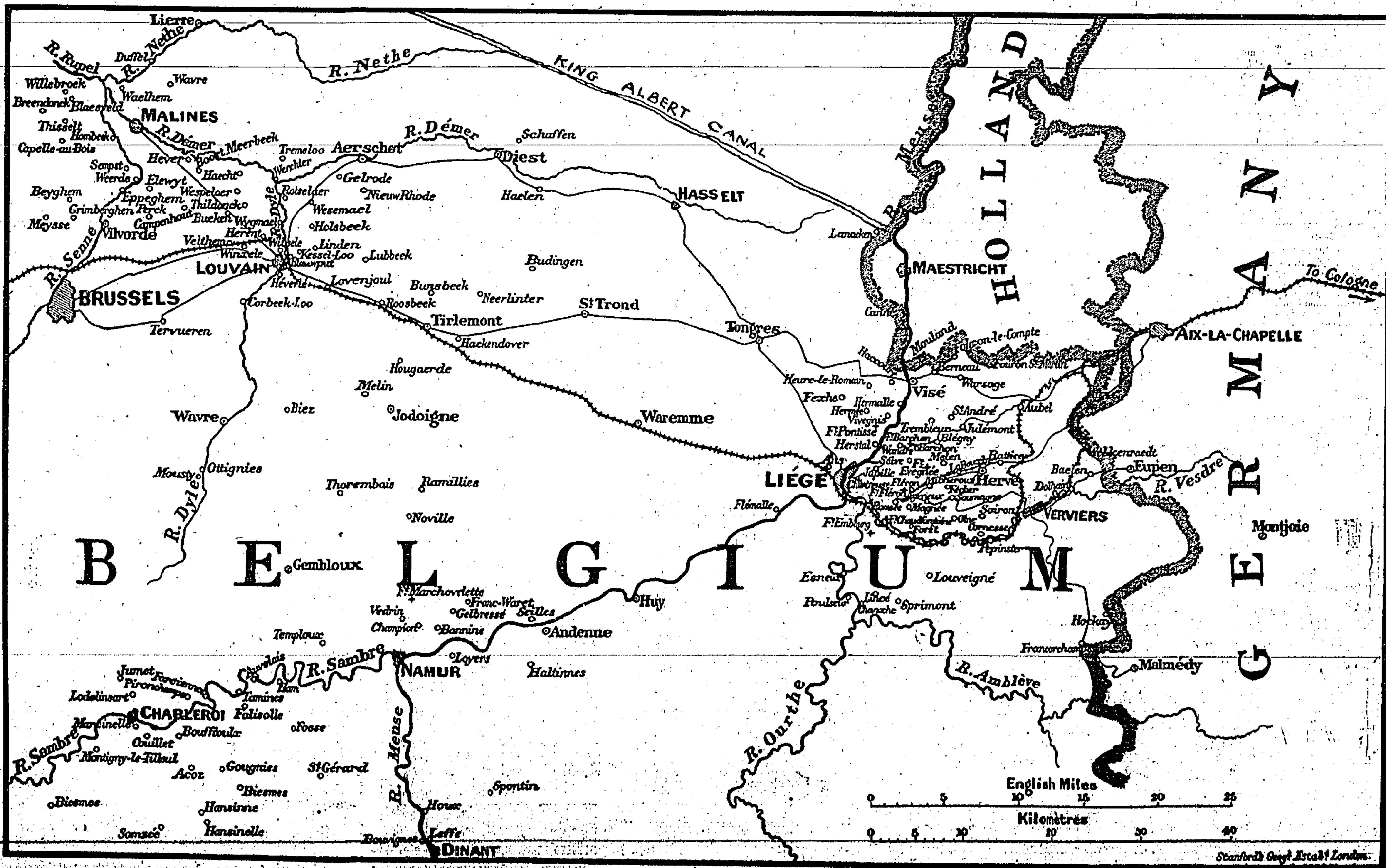
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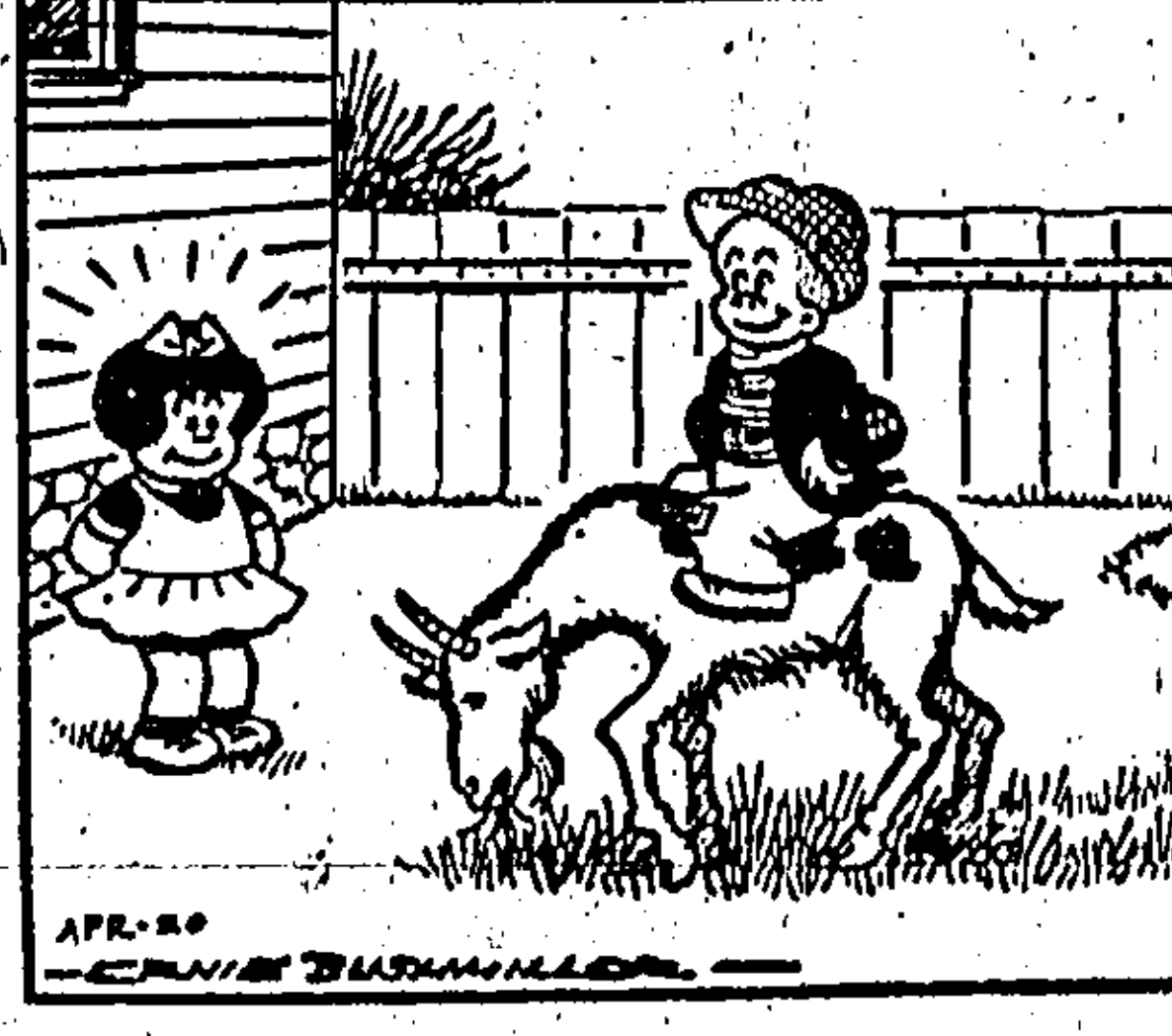
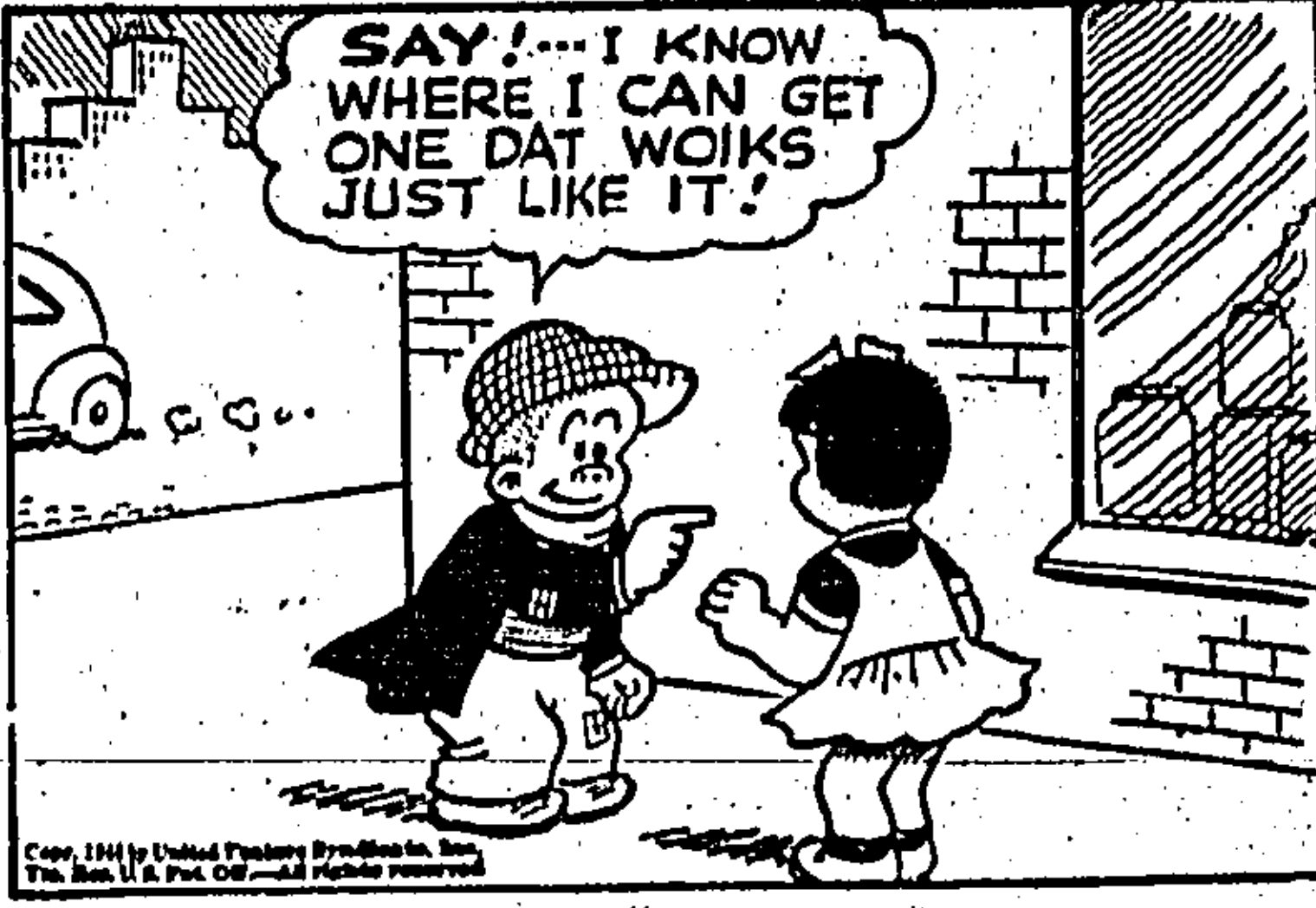
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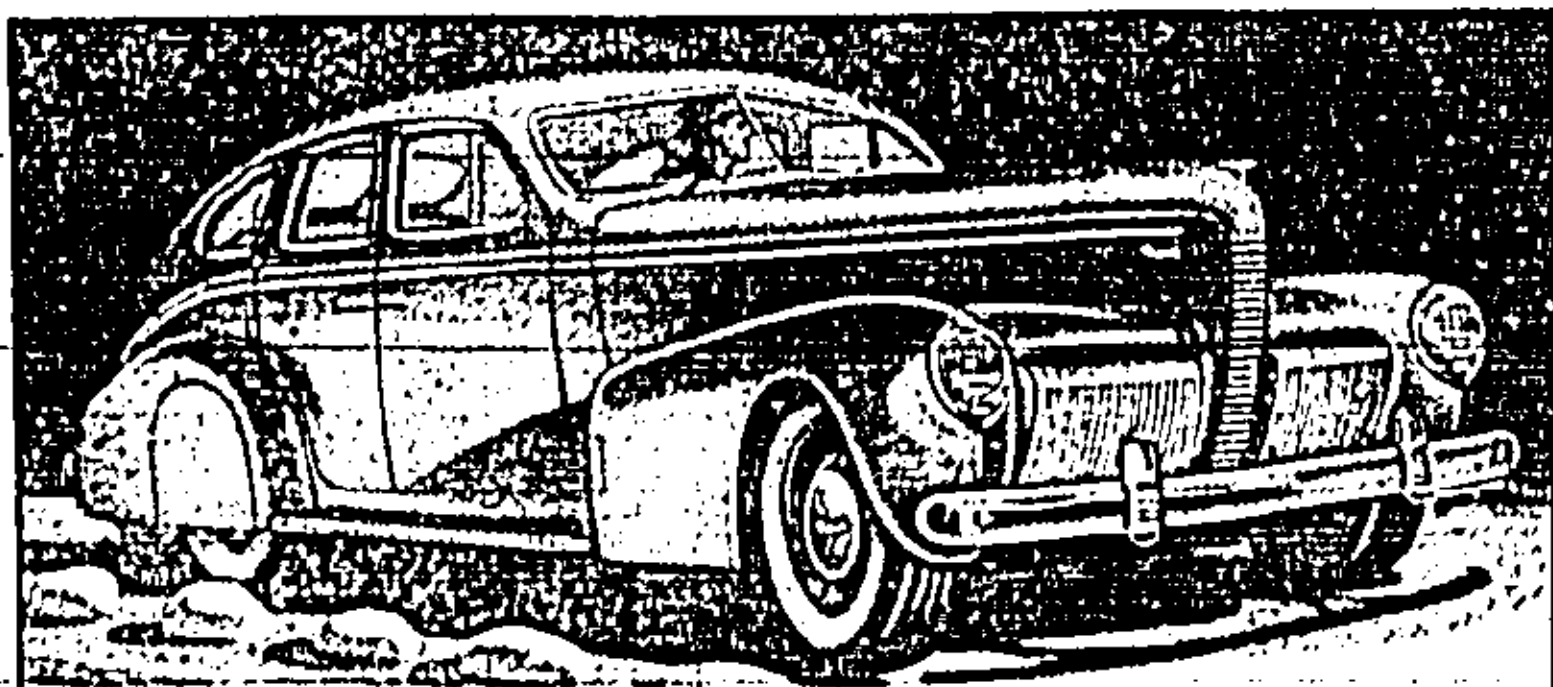
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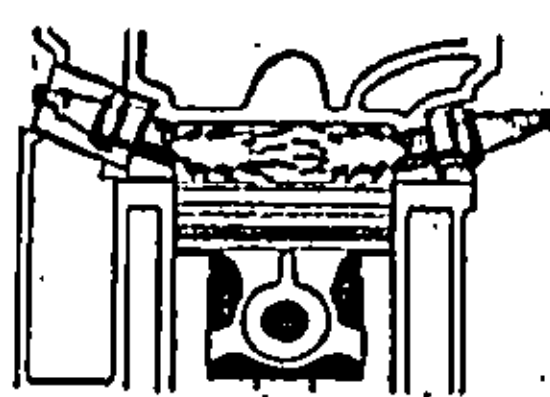
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R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST OF 145

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The latest R.A.F. casualty list contains 145 names, comprising 27 killed, including nine previously reported missing; one died of wounds or injuries; eight wounded or injured; 98 missing; and four, previously reported missing, are now reported to be prisoners of war.

NAZIS BOMB HOSPITAL

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—News-papers report that German warplanes dropped incendiary bombs on a civil and maternity hospital at Chalons-sur-Marne. It is added that part of the township of Villy-le-Francois is ablaze following the dropping of incendiary bombs.

LIFE AND DEATH—2.

WHAT is DEATH?

WE find no difficulty in speaking frankly to children about some very surprising facts, such as broadcasting and the roundness of the earth. We do not find it so easy to tell them about human reproduction and human death.

This means that we ourselves have psychological resistances which prevent us from thinking clearly about such matters.

Our ancestors identified life with breathing. "Spirit" is only a Latin word for breath. We are now apt to identify it with the heart-beat, and every time that a man or woman whose heart has stopped for a few minutes recovers again, some one writes that the dead have been restored to life. These views are far more materialistic than any which I hold. The heart is only a pump for blood, and the lungs a means of exposing it to air. We can already keep the rest of an animal alive for some hours with an artificial heart and lungs, and it is only a question of time before this is done with a man. One of the main difficulties is to prevent the blood from clotting in the artificial heart.

The facts about life are much more complicated. The opposite to a machine, which is built up of replaceable parts, is an individual, which cannot be taken to bits and put together again. Now man is a compromise between the two.

We can do a certain amount of replacement with spare parts, as when we transfuse a quart of one man's blood into another. But man is only to some extent a machine, so we cannot do very much replacement of this kind. And when we say that a man is dead we mean that his individuality has ceased, rather than that his machinery has stopped working, even though the two events generally go together.

Let me explain. When you are dead, I can take some of your white blood corpuscles and grow them in a suitable fluid, certainly for weeks, perhaps for many years. If I knew enough I could do the same with many of your other tissues. This is already possible with the cells of embryo chicks or rats. For some hours after you are dead there is still life in your body. But it is not your life, merely the life of your cells. If I had murdered you it would be no defence to point to a culture of your cells, and say that you were still alive. There would be life there, but not your life.

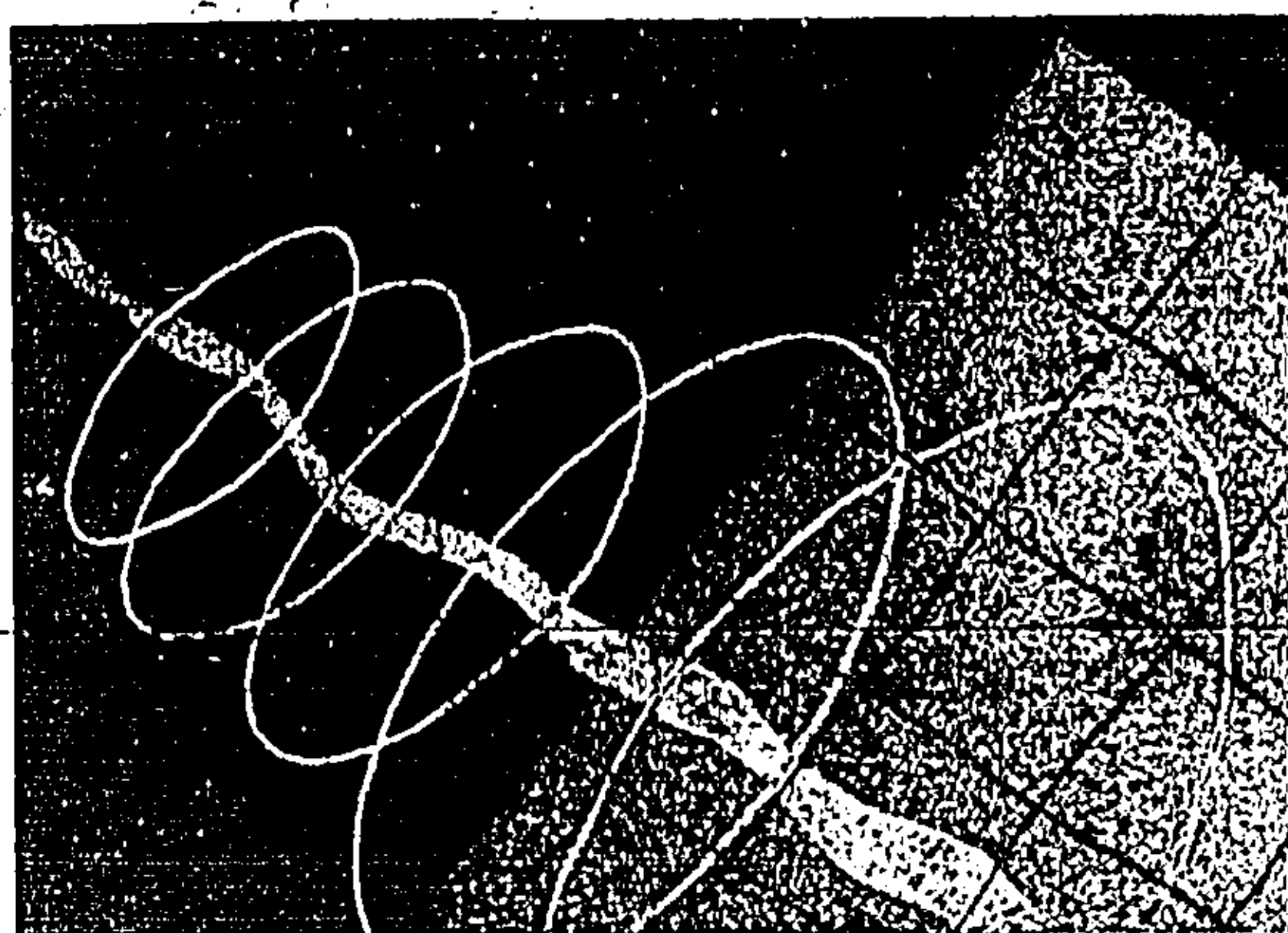
One can kill a rabbit by a blow on the neck and take out its heart. If the heart is kept warm and supplied with the right solution and plenty of oxygen it will go on beating for hours. The heart is alive, though the rabbit is dead. The same is true of human hearts, which have occasionally been taken out and kept alive for some time after their owners' death.

What is this individuality which comes to an end at death? Is it something outside the lives of the parts, and added to them, or is it just the unity by co-operation of these sub-lives? There is good reason to adopt the second view.

A tune does not consist of notes and a melody. If the notes are played in the proper order, the melody is there. It has no existence separable from its parts. Twenty-two players may or may not co-operate to play a cricket match, but you certainly cannot have the match without the players.

One cannot reason so directly about a man because a man consists of a very large number of cells, about ten thousand million, and no one of them is as essential to the life of the whole man as the bowler to the cricket match.

Just as England could carry on without any one man, or any thousand men, so could you without any particular cell or thousand cells. But till a few million men, say all qualified locomotive, lorry and car drivers, and England



by J. B. S. HALDANE

would collapse into starvation and anarchy.

Against the theory that an indivisible something, the soul, leaves the body at the moment of death, is the experience of brain surgery. An American surgeon has studied the effect on several people, including his own sister of removing large parts of the front of the brain after injury or the growth of a tumour.

This causes no appreciable loss of sensation, memory, or muscular power, but there is a very real loss of initiative. One "patient" could look after her household on ordinary occasions, but could not order a large dinner; another could keep a simple job, but could not set about looking for a new one. "He will never make a revolutionary," says our author. If the totalitarian State proves success, perhaps this operation will be performed on everyone except dictators.

An the brain is destroyed the personality gradually fades out, until a baby born with no upper parts to its brain shows less signs of consciousness than a fish, let alone a rabbit or dog, though it may live for a year. If there is a detachable soul, it can certainly be detached bit by bit, and all that is specially human in it may be lost long before death.

To many it seems more reasonable to regard the soul as a function of the co-operating brain-cells, just as a concert performance of a symphony, which, like the soul, has a unity of its own, is a function of the co-operating members of an orchestra.

There are many ways of dying. Usually some organ plays its part so badly that the others are one by one put out of action.

In pneumonia, the inflamed lungs let through so little oxygen that the rest of the body is suffocated. In heart disease the heart may stop suddenly, or pump so inefficiently as to suffocate the other organs. In many diseases the part of the brain which sends down nervous impulses to the breathing muscles is poisoned, and breathing ceases.

But science knows nothing of a definite moment of death in most cases. After the last breath a few more minutes of life could generally be vouchsafed by artificial respiration. After the last heart-beat a surgeon could open the abdominal wall, and by putting his hand up into the chest and rhythmically squeezing the heart, kept the blood circulating for a short time. Death is usually a gradual process well described by the word "dissolution." After death of the body as a whole many individual cells live on for hours or days; till they die.

And is that all? For a man or woman whose interests lie in people and things outside themselves it is very obviously not all. Some religions promise an eternal

future life for the individual, though they do not offer a very cheerful prospect to those persons who are most interested in their own individualities. Other religions promise the ultimate extinction of individuality as the greatest possible blessing.

I have some sympathy with this view. If I live for another fifty years I expect that most of my acquaintances will be heartily tired of me, and I shall very probably be rather tired of myself. If we are to believe Freud, we all carry within us a secret longing for death, which at most times we repress below the surface of our consciousness.

It is not a hatred of life, but a positive desire. And as we grow older we may do well to allow it some measure of freedom. For it is the one desire which will quite certainly be satisfied.

On the other hand, my mind includes certain constituents (this is a clumsy metaphor, but we can only speak of spiritual things in metaphors) which will no more perish with the dissolution of my individuality than will the atoms of which my body is composed. To however slight an extent, I have justice, courage, mathematics and human kindness, and after my death they will still be manifested in others for whom I shall make room. If these others are better than me I have no cause for complaint.

Death, then, as I see it, is the end of a particular pattern of material and mental happenings which are bound up with one another.

If the pattern was good and beautiful there is a cause for sorrow. But if, as sometimes happens, the end of the melody of life is its noblest and most beautiful moment, we may feel that "nothing is here for tears."

"We need only pity the dying if they are in intolerable pain, or if their individualities mean so much to them that the prospect of their own end is an agony."

For death is not the end of life. It is only the end of my life or your life.

Switzerland All Ready

But Tension Thought To Be Relieved

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—After the Federal Council had examined the international situation at a long meeting this afternoon, a high Swiss officer declared: "No further military measures need be taken as the army is completely prepared, and at its war stations. Nothing remains to be done except await events patiently."

Authoritative circles here are pleased to note signs of a more peaceful orientation on the part of Italy. Political observers feel that an interested Power has recently been trying to test the Swiss nerves. It is thought that Switzerland might become endangered if the western front finally becomes static. Signs of Italy's interest in Swiss neutrality are still not lacking.

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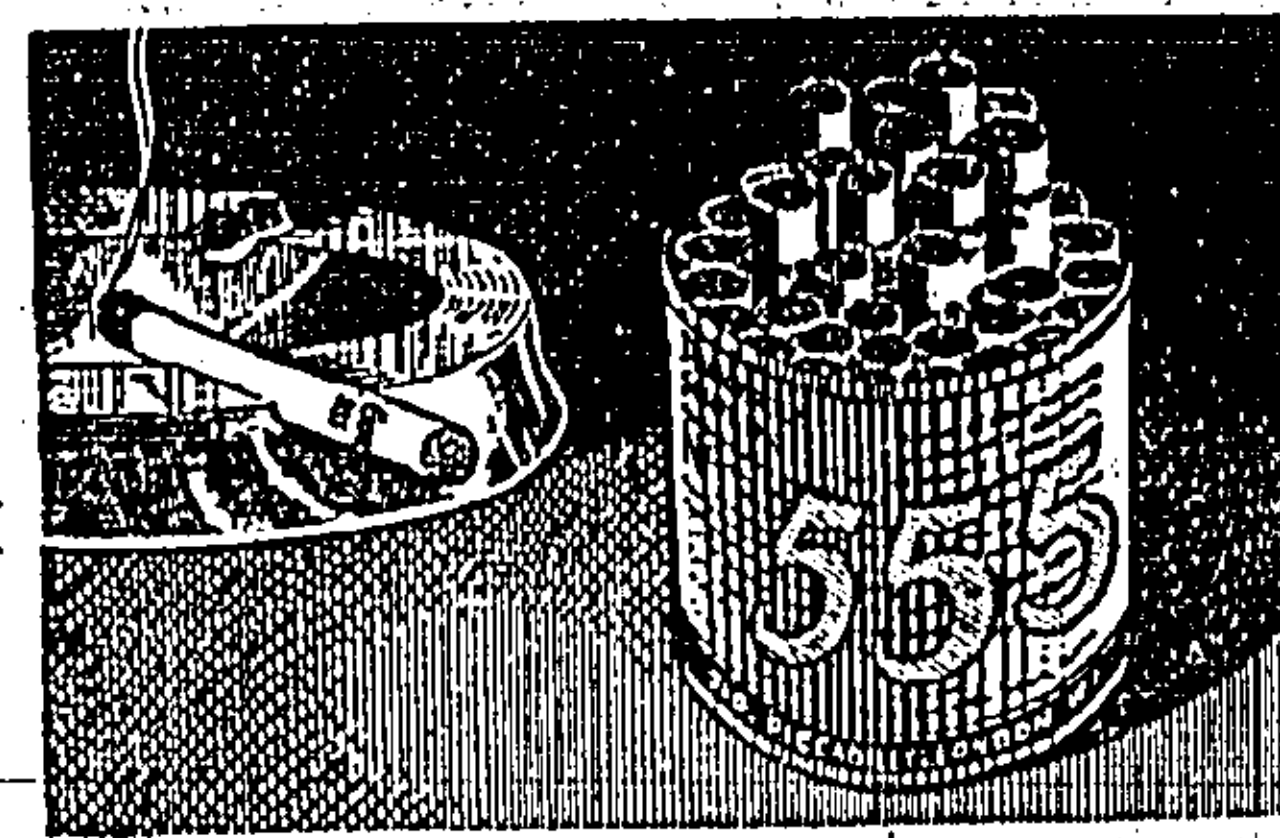
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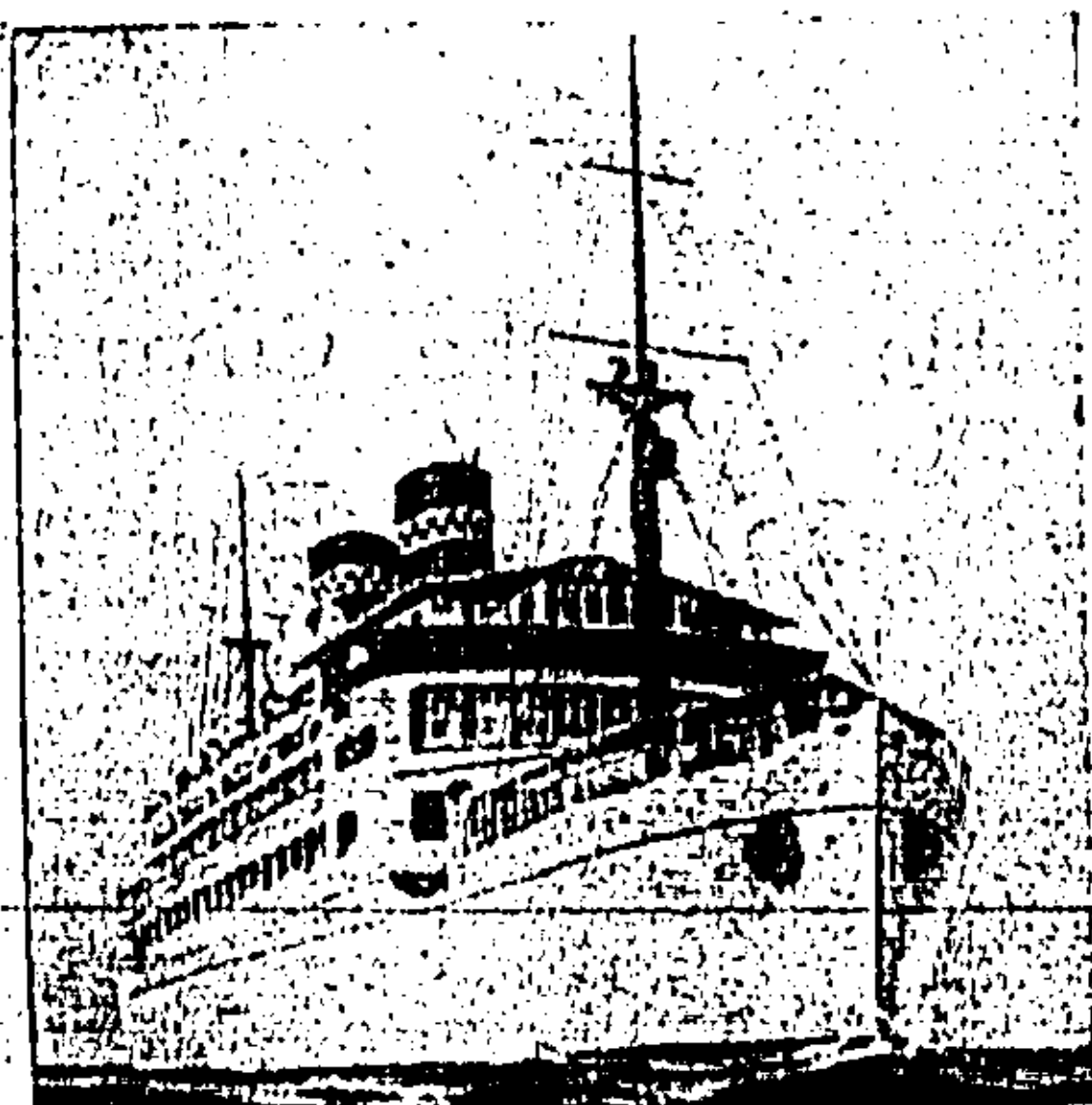
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IN 1914 THE WORLD FEARED THE MILITARISM OF KAISER WILHELM II

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ARMY —and it was beaten

WHEN Kaiser Wilhelm began his war in 1914, the German Army was the most powerful fighting instrument that any state had ever sent to battle.

Anyone who fought against that army and to-day looks back on its quality, in men and weapons, its knowledge and trained skill in action, is inclined to wonder how on earth did we prevent the "Jerries" from beating us?

Yet they did not beat us. In the end they were beaten, largely by the inexorable pressure of opponents they never saw, men in spray-hiding ships the width of the North Sea away, whose impenetrable harbour was a thousand miles beyond range of the German army's guns.

WHEN Adolf began his war in 1939, his army was a formidable instrument; foolish to despise it. But its strength relative to its opponents does not over-shadow the world, as the strength of the German Army did in 1914.

It is an army with modern weapons and transport; therefore it has more fire-power and more mobility than any army could have twenty-five years ago.

But when the changes of this quarter-century are taken into account, Adolf's army looks third-rate, too hastily strung together, not up to the job.

The Germans in 1914, writes Captain Liddell Hart in his "History of the World War," alone realised what is to-day an axiom—that given a highly-trained cadre of leaders, a military machine can be rapidly manufactured from short-term levies, like molten metal poured into a mould. The German mould was a long-service body of officers and N.C.O.'s who in their standard of knowledge and skill had no equal on the Continent.

FOR forty years before 1914 the German Army had been admired by almost all progressive soldiers in Europe.

For two whole generations its methods of training, its discipline and even its uniforms had been imitated by a score of other armies.

It was the first army to train its commanders in large-scale peace-time manoeuvres; the first to have a staff college; the first to adopt the divisional organisation that is the basis of all modern armies; the first to institute a permanent intelligence section and thus lay the basis for a modern General Staff.

As far away as 1892 the Professor of Military Art and History at the British Army's Staff College, Colonel Henderson, was writing: "That the Prussian system should be imitated . . . was naturally inevitable."

WHEN the German armies marched westward in August 1914, the French Intelligence reckoned that they would have forty-five divisions opposed to the French armies.

Actually there were eighty-three. A surprise of such magnitude is rare in war. And it was achieved not by elaborate precautions of secrecy, but by a combination of extremely pains-

taking detailed work and by boldness and originality. The painstaking work was in the training of the troops.

In both armies, French and German, men served for two years or more, then went to the reserve.

Only a few of these reservists were needed to bring the "active divisions" up to strength at the beginning of a war—to fill gaps in units already formed, officered, equipped, ready for action.

Besides the "active divisions," both French and Germans had "reserve divisions" made up almost entirely of reservists.

The German training was good enough—for these formations, made up of men who were civilians in July, to be fit for battle by the third week of August.

The German boldness was in using such men without further polishing-up. The French could not believe that this was possible.

It is an immense tribute to the quality and precision of the German instructors, and to the "seriousness" of the German army as a whole, that they were able to mobilise this mass of men trained years before the war, and put them into battle alongside

their "ordinary" army.

THE Germans scored a second surprise at the outbreak of war simply by the perfection of their railway organisation.

It was known that they might sweep through Belgium. The French plans for meeting this sweep now look ridiculous, as indeed they were.

Failure of these plans led to the long retreat in which the French left wing (the British expeditionary force) had to fall back for 130 miles or more, from Mons to beyond the Marne.

But how could the French have realised that the Germans would be able to bring one and a half million men over their railways to the frontier?

And if they had thought that possible, how could they have realised that a million of these men, 54 divisions out of 83, would be concentrated in the armies sweeping through Belgium and Luxembourg?

Such a concentration seemed impossible, with ordinary methods of staff work and military organisation.

But it was carried out.

WILL THE LIGHTS GO OUT?



THE \$1,750,000 Geneva Palace of the Nations, property of over fifty of them, equal in service to Versailles, weightily grandiose, bridally white, is a conundrum for the Swiss.

Nor, so easily, could its enormous and controversial contents be sent a-wandering, as well its many hundred humans one day may be, clashing their skeleton files and documentation.

The League itself has been perfectly innocuous since September. It has not signified life in the faintest degree as the map of Europe has been forcibly re-drawn. Swallowed Czechoslovakia and Albania were members. Memel's rightful status subjected it to League care, a condition, however, disrupted by Lithuania in 1923. Poland, Norway, Sweden, Belgium and Holland contribute to its upkeep.

There has been one Council meeting at Geneva, since September, and so fleeting an affair was it that its stars, Lord Halifax and M. Bonnet, might just as well have split an *eau minérale* at the Cornavin terminal and then carried on direct for their respective capitals.

NOTE has had to be taken by the Secretariat of the withdrawal of more states, including Spain and Hungary. The following now seem to be outside the League: United States, Japan, Germany, Italy,

Spain, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Abyssinia, Albania, Mexico, Brazil or the Argentine.

WHILE the monster mass was yet incomplete, in 1935, the Federal authorities requested that its white immensity should be equipped with costly steel shutters and blue lights as anti-air-raid precautions.

It was sanctioned time and supposing the "Tennispalace" did a bombing stunt? What a target! Unmissable on Ariana height, hard by the guiding lake, as it remains to-day.

No more happened until crash came that last week of September. Scurry, hurry.

The Axis would quite certainly wreck the Palace of the Nations; might even try to occupy the Canton of Vaud because of it.

High time that Geneva were rid of the international brainbox that so exasperated others.

Yet there was no time to plan. It was decided that did war break, the League personnel was to remove at once to Fribourg, out of the way, back in the hills.

WHEN war did not come to Switzerland the Swiss had time to think anew and go further: if the Confederation were compelled thereafter to mobilise in protection of the national territory, the League personnel would have to move altogether from Switzerland, leaving a nucleus care-taking staff only. Such was the position until recently. It was then hinted that the Secretary-General might get busy, before the bombardment, with plans for evacuation. If my information be correct, it was further conveyed that, war or no war, Switzerland would be obliged and relieved if the Secretariat could arrange to function elsewhere for an interim period until Europe settled down once more.

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By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Disorganised
- 2—Donkeys
- 3—Pious soap
- 4—Havages
- 5—At once time
- 6—Flower-chairs
- 7—Maid's name
- 8—German river
- 9—Calcutta
- 10—Pious exclamation
- 11—Noise
- 12—Painter
- 13—Cheerful dusk
- 14—Compass point
- 15—Marching
- 16—Persons
- 17—Lured
- 18—Wrest
- 19—Pneumatic broods
- 20—Incorporate (verb)
- 21—Mature
- 22—Aids (French)
- 23—Unlost
- 24—Belonging to us
- 25—Sitting down
- 26—Nervous twitching
- 27—Kind of snaky
- 28—Earth
- 29—Various trails
- 30—Turt
- 31—Odd of sailing
- 32—Earliest request
- 33—Gutter vet
- 34—Part of covers
- 35—Admire
- 36—Girl's name

DOWN

- 1—Wind-bow
- 2—Hut
- 3—Long nap
- 4—Consume point
- 5—Cave low
- 6—Noble group
- 7—Aristic bird
- 8—Blue sea
- 9—End of day
- 10—One who angers
- 11—Communication
- 12—Part of skeleton
- 13—Crest
- 14—Aerial substance
- 15—Intelligence
- 16—Combustion form
- 17—High explosive (abbr.)
- 18—Part of leg
- 19—Solid bar
- 20—To add
- 21—Aerial tree
- 22—Type
- 23—Fruit
- 24—Kiln
- 25—Fruit of coast
- 26—Professional (slang)
- 27—Quarries
- 28—Tuning ruler
- 29—Animal's mother
- 30—Stirrer prices
- 31—Mating birds
- 32—Two (French)

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A Play by Noel Coward.
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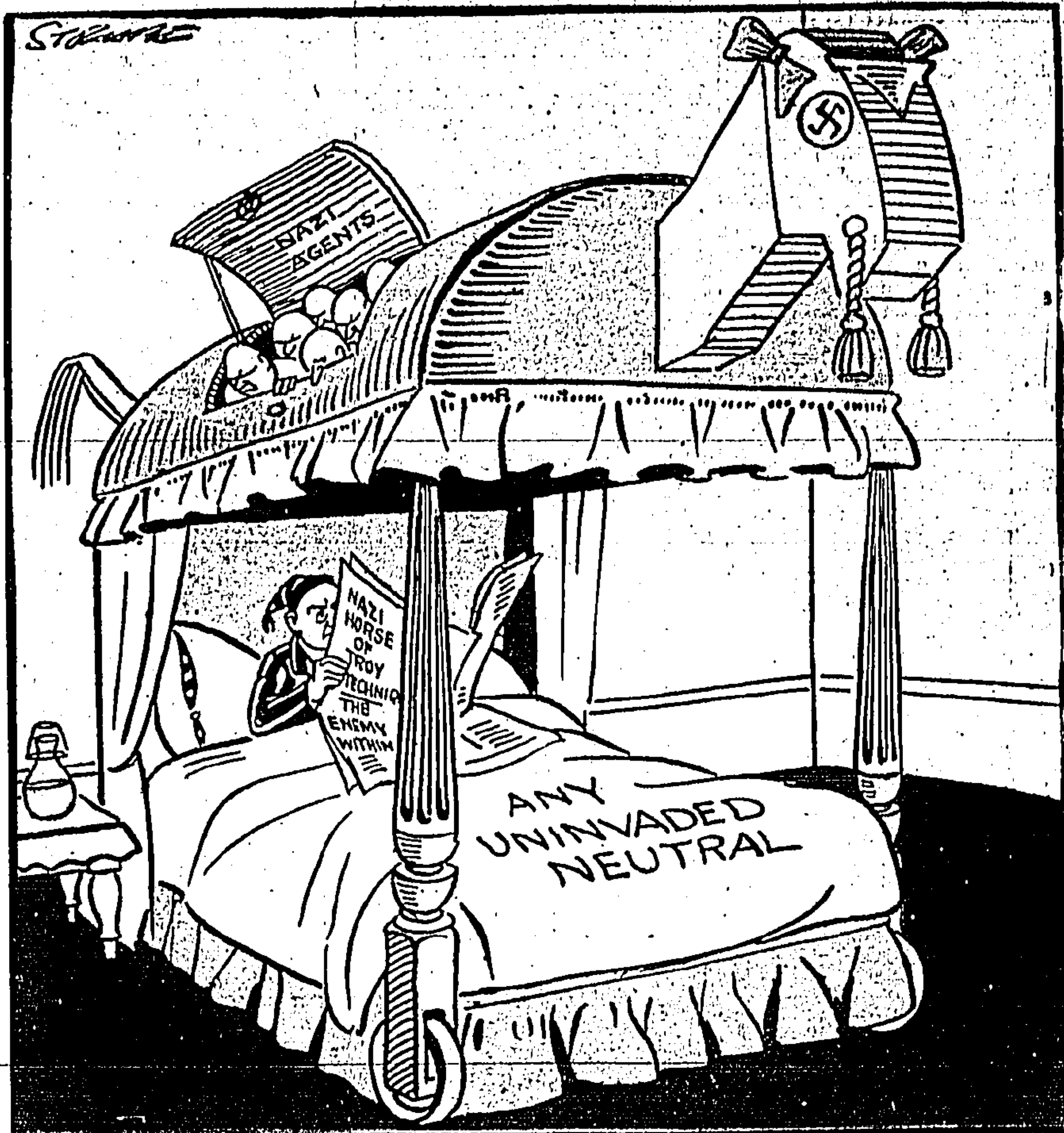
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BEHIND THE HEADLINES—by JOHN BLUNT

The "Fifth Column"

ALTHOUGH a shock at the time, the surrender of the greater part of Holland is quite understandable. There is no doubt that Germany calculated that the resistance of a small army could be overcome by a smashing campaign of ruthless terrorism. The infiltration of the "fifth column" and the partial success of the parachutists, together with a merciless bombing from the air, all served the brutal aims of Germany. The small Allied Forces available could not have consolidated themselves in so few days. Indeed, it would have been more than surprising had Germany not met with some success when it is remembered that her campaign had been prepared months before. Total warfare, as it is called, has been evolved by the fiendish brains behind the Nazi movement, and there is good reason to believe that every form of terrorism will be practised by Germany. If some of the weaker nations are temporarily crushed from the map, they are not entirely to blame. Britain and France will take the blows, but will ultimately give more than they take to the eternal damnation of those who started this massacre.

Fact Versus Fiction

AND so a change has been made in the guiding influence of the British Ministry of Information. Duff Cooper, who now holds the post, may be expected to place the facts of the Allied cause before the world, even if with his customary bluntness. He will also lose no time in exposing the lying propaganda of the Germans. It is better to be convinced by facts, even if occasionally unpleasant, rather than be misled by fiction.

Germans in Hongkong

LAST week, I referred to the absurdity of permitting Germans to enjoy their freedom in the Colony. True, there may not be so very many, but every German must be a suspect. During my sojourn in the Far East, I have met the Germans who, in a gesture of pseudo-conscience, have protested that their sympathies have been with the British, and that they have been entirely opposed to Hitlerism. It has inter come to my personal knowledge that some of those who fled with crocodile tears in their eyes, were at the very moment of speaking, members of the Nazi movement in this Colony. I have yet to meet or see a German publicly expressing his condemnation of his country's policy.

Those Rumours

ON Wednesday, rumours flooded the Colony concerning the alleged collapse of the Wall Street market. Shares, stocks, commodities were supposed to have fallen anything up to twenty points. The King of Italy had abdicated. Italy had declared war, and so on. There would appear to be grounds for the

grave suspicion that some unprincipled people deliberately start such rumours in order to gain profit. Such an offence should be discouraged by the provision of heavy penalties for such dishonesty.

Midnight Madness

TRAFFIC supervision by night does not appear to be very effective in Hongkong. The other evening, a private car was "heard" proceeding along Queen's Road from east to west. The traffic light was against it by the Shell Building, but nevertheless, the impatient horn-blowing continued. The occupants appeared to be in a state of conviviality ill-suited to the handling of a motor vehicle. The constable in the traffic box acceded to their raucous demand by giving them the green light, whereupon the driver stepped on the gas, and literally roared down Pedder Street. I looked in the morning paper for the report of a smash, but apparently, luck was on the side of madness that night.

Dialects And Brogues

AN after-dinner chat the other night—as usual much ado about nothing—led up to the question of national humour. It was asserted from one quarter that British humour was hard to beat, whereupon an American present asked for a definition of "British" humour. It is true there are many dialects and brogues in the English language sense. These days there are very

few new Irish jokes of the Pat, Mike or Murphy variety, and it is a long time since I heard an original quip attributed to a Scot. Perhaps brogues are falling by the wayside. Reminds me of an occasion some years ago when a little leg-pulling cross banter occurred amongst a party of English and Scottish people. A count was taken of the respective nationalities present. Each proudly proclaimed his or her national ancestry. When one of the mon-folk (an author of some repute) claimed to be a Scot, my hostess expressed her surprise. "But," she protested, "I have read several of your books and neither in your speech nor writing do you seem to be Scottish." "My dear lady," the Scot replied, "I believe you were born in Dorset, but nobody would know it."

Mussolini's Quandary

The fate of Italy appears to hang by a very slender thread, but every hour that passes should relieve the tension. Mussolini may be on the brink of throwing in his lot with Hitler, but the tremendous slaughter in the opening phase of the Blitzkrieg must have a sobering influence. It must be dawning on him that his choice lies between becoming a co-partner of the most hated fiend in the world, or extricating himself from an entanglement which will lead to his own undoing. The prospect which faces him should he choose the former alternative is indeed grim, and I doubt, even at this momentous juncture, whether he will chance the terrible consequences of war.

Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,

Last week's colouring competition was very well done. The prize-winners this week are:—

Wong Kwok Lam (aged 12), 5, Garden Road.
John Hardoon (aged 8½), 18, Village Road.
June Gordon (aged 8), 518 c, Nathan Road.

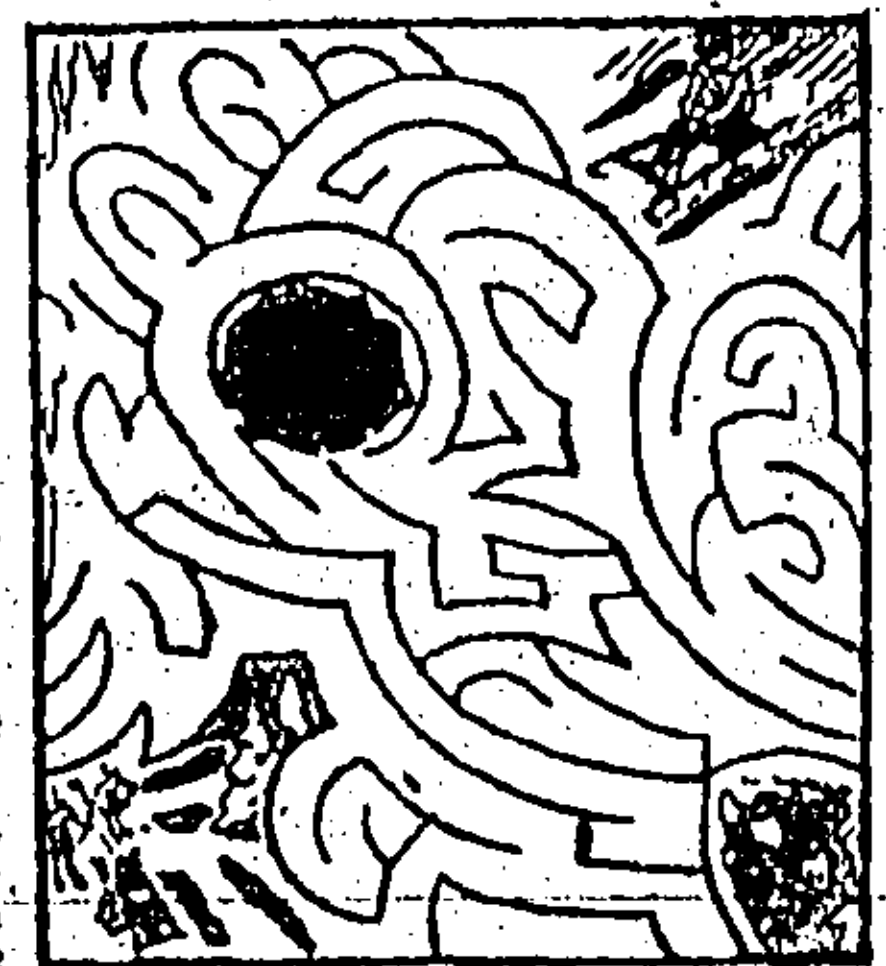
Coupons have been sent to Wong Kwok Lam, John and June which I want them to bring to the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street. The coupons will then be exchanged for money prizes.

Specially commended for excellent work are the following:
Seniors: Ghani Khan, Ellen Ojason, George Wong, Mary Grace Ascho, Andrew Kee, Willie Mok, James Nelson, Kee On Tak, Reinaldo Sales, Roy Holmes.

Intermediates: Alan Dobbs, Danwood Bux, Shonn McIntyre, S.S. Bux, Anthony Cuthbert, Horacio Ovario, Patricia Ovario.

Juniors: Betty Mair, Muslim Yusuf, Ghafour Bux, Susan Wood, Geoffrey Hudson.

This week, kiddies, I want you to study the above picture closely and then trace the way the boy in the toboggan at the top must go to join his friends below without crossing a black line.

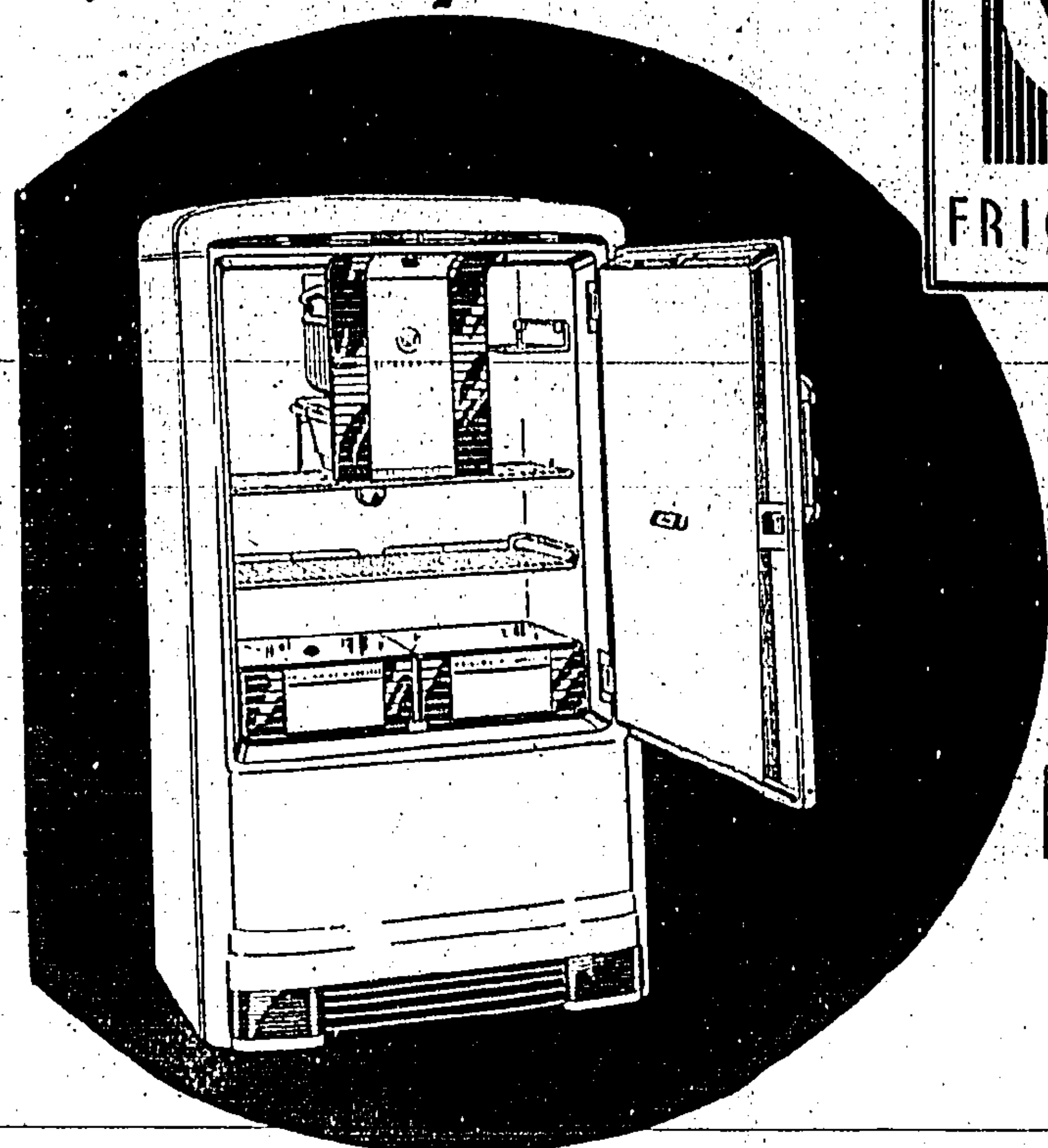


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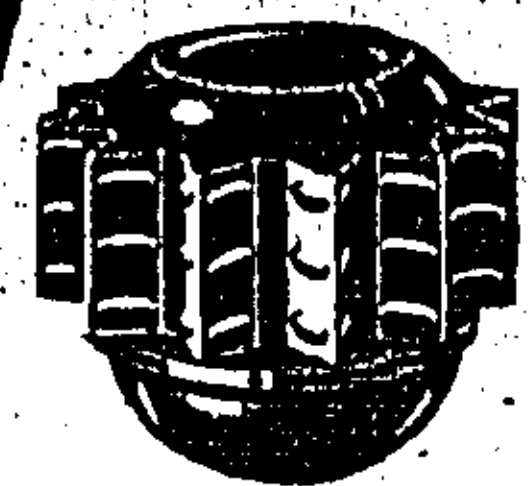
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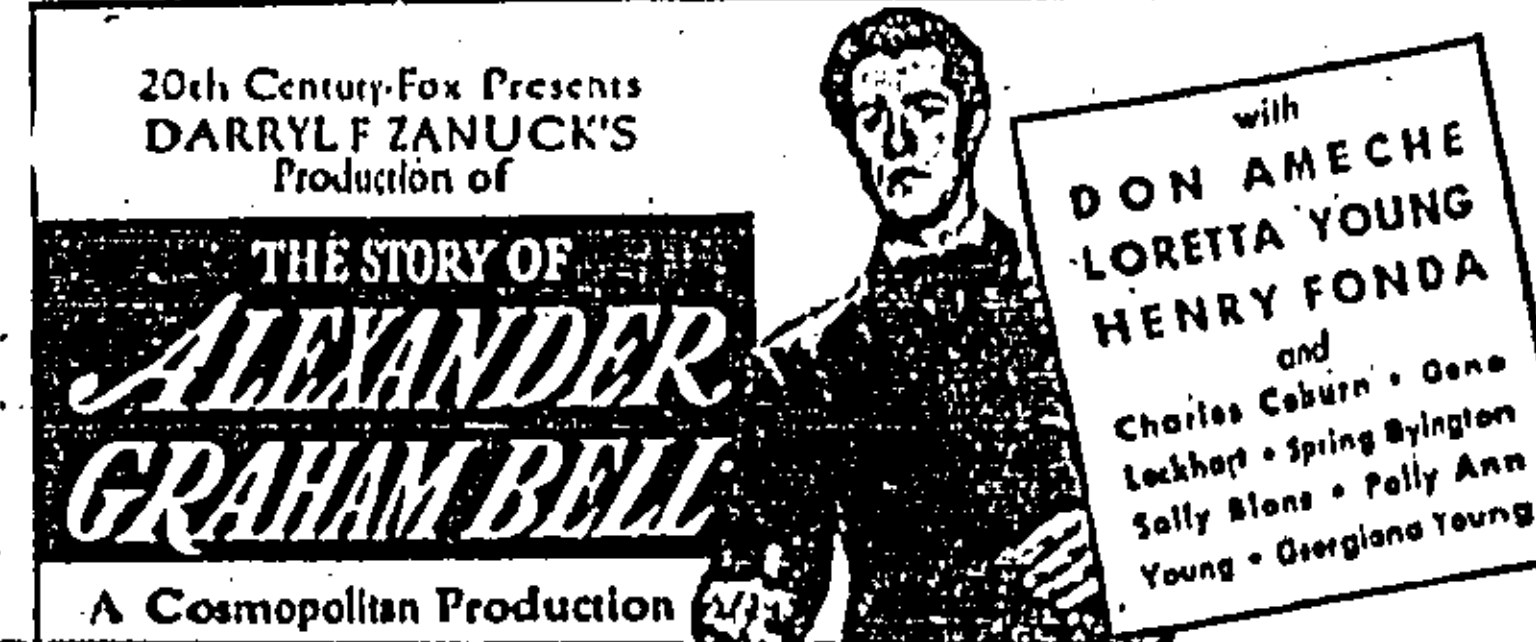
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The War In Norway BRITISH AIRCRAFT ATTACK

Allied Troops Still Working Together

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that naval aircraft attacked enemy fuel supplies in the Bergen area yesterday.

Destruction of fuel tanks at Storgaspynt was completed. Two fuel tanks at Strudshaven were blown up and a further two at Knarven were set on fire.

All our aircraft returned safely.

Nazi Garrison Shelled

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Allied and Norwegian troops are now working together, near Mosjoen.

The latest Norwegian communiqué issued announces that two Nazi planes have been shot down in this sector and that the Allies have withdrawn somewhat.

Further north, the Allies have taken up positions only two miles from Narvik on the other side of the fjord.

The German garrison at Narvik has been shelled by British warships. The Allied use of tanks has achieved excellent results. The Nazi attempts to drop supplies by parachute have failed.

Halifax's Assurance

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—"We shall continue to press vigorously forward with the object of capturing Narvik and so establishing a secure base for the Norwegian Government," declared Lord Halifax to-day.

He made this statement when speaking at the inauguration of King Haakon's Fund for relief in Norway at the Mansion House.

"When that object is achieved," he continued, "we shall take counsel with the Norwegian Government and see in what way the situation can be developed to our mutual advantage."

Allies Advance

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—A War Office communiqué on Narvik says that Allied forces have continued their successful advance in the Bjerkvik area and have occupied the north shore of Rombla Fjord above Eijord.

Parties of the enemy have been seen withdrawing eastwards towards the Swedish frontier.

Our troops have shot down two enemy aircraft.

Apology To Sweden

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The British Government has expressed its regrets to Sweden over the accidental dropping of bombs by a British plane on Swedish territory near Narvik on Wednesday.

MR. CHURCHILL VISITS PARIS

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill visited Paris on Thursday. It is now learned, to confer with the French Government.

The visit was made after receipt of reports which enabled them to get a full appreciation of the military situation.

Mr. Churchill took his military advisors with him and had conversations with M. Reynaud, M. Daladier and General Gamelin.

Violent German Attack

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, had one of the greatest triumphs of his career when he visited Paris yesterday, according to well-informed circles.

Talks continued until late in the evening and it is stated that he "made an extraordinary impression, everybody being struck by his firm decision and determination."

Mrs. Irma Frommer, M.P. (Bologna) has been appointed to be an Inspector of Schools.

Mr. W. F. Gilbert, M.A. (Oxon) has been appointed to be an Engineer, Public Works Department.

Norwegians In Hongkong To Join Up

Norwegians in Hongkong between the ages of 21 and 45, must register for military service.

This information is contained in a report from London by "Reuter," stating that a Royal Norwegian proclamation was issued yesterday to the effect that all Norwegians abroad between the ages of 21 and 45 must register for military service. These in Norway between the ages of 21 and 35 are instructed to proceed to the northern districts for immediate service.

WATCH ON H.K. FUEL SUPPLY

An announcement in to-day's Government Gazette indicates that the Government intends to make itself fully informed of the Colony's fuel supplies and to keep its resources on regular record.

According to the Gazette, the Stores Controller, with the consent of the Governor, orders that every person who, to-day or subsequently, has possession, custody, or control of more than 10 tons of coal shall make a return accordingly to the Controller.

Henceforth weekly returns will be required of such persons or firms. This return must cover the week ending at noon on Saturday and be put in by noon of the following Wednesday, or, where that Wednesday is a public holiday, by noon on the first succeeding day which is not a holiday.

The returns must be in English and bear the signature of the person holding the coal or his agent, or, in the case of a Chinese firm, the chop of the firm. They may be delivered by post to the Stores Controller at the Government Stores Department, No. 219 Electric Road, North Point.

Nazis Must Make More Sacrifices

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Germans were told of the necessity for further heavy sacrifices in an official broadcast.

The announcer declared: "We are fully aware of the difficult tasks still have to be performed. These tasks will heavily tax the self-sacrifice both of the army and the home front, but we know that no sacrifice for the sake of Germany's victory will be too great for them."

Americans Advised To Leave

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Between 4,000 and 5,000 United States citizens in Britain have been advised by the Embassy in London to leave for home.

Ships are being sent to the west coast of Europe to pick them up.

Embassy officials, however, reveal that as yet there has been no rush.

Mr. J. H. Tugart, O.B.E., has been appointed to be Controller of Food.

ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Antipodean Association To Co-Operate With Naval Reservists

THE PRESENCE in Far Eastern waters of nearly 1,000 Australian and New Zealand naval reservists was the subject of chief interest at the annual meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association, which was held in the Gloucester Building yesterday evening.

The meeting unanimously decided that the future activities of the Association should be devoted to socially co-operating with the naval visitors, who are to be invited to join the Association as Associate members.

An enlarged Committee, headed by Mr. A. W. Hughes as President and Mr. S. T. Williamson as Vice-President was elected.

Invitations are to be sent to the personnel of the R.M. ships carrying Australian and New Zealand reservists to elect delegates to attend the Association's Committee Meetings.

Seeks Matched

The Association has decided to obtain a matched which will be available at any time for naval personnel, and the Press was asked to make known to the public the Association's desires in this matter. Subsequent to the General Meeting the new Committee held its first meeting and decided to arrange a function, at which naval Reservists will be guests of the Association, on next Saturday.

The following is the new Committee:

Mr. A. W. Hughes (President), Mr. S. T. Williamson (Vice-President), Mr. R. J. McNeill, Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Stokes, Hon. Treasurer, Miss E. Kelly (Convener, Ladies sub-Committee), Mrs. H. Buxton, (Convener, Ladies sub-Committee), Dr. R. G. Shannon, Mr. L. Anderson, Mr. D. Murdoch, Mr. N. Stockton, Mr. J. Wolfe, Mrs. F. Neill, Mrs. White, A. W. Ingram, Miss J. Findlay.

MINFIELD OFF SOUTH AFRICA

CAPTOWN, May 17 (Reuter).—No victims have been reported as a result of the minfield which has been discovered off the Cape of Agulhas, which is on the southernmost point of Africa.

The Defence Department is taking adequate steps to liquidate it.

The minfield is in the busiest shipping lane between Europe and the East since British ships have been diverted from the Mediterranean.

THE KING AT THE WAR OFFICE

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King this evening visited the War Office where he received the latest information with regard to the situation on the Western Front.

Later His Majesty held a Privy Council meeting in Buckingham Palace.

He approved the Order in Council dealing with the establishment of anti-parachute troop corps and later he received Mr. Winston Churchill.

CAIRO, May 17 (Reuter).—Voluntary recruiting of British residents in Egypt for a local defence force began this morning, and there has already been a considerable response.

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The Nazi Military Bible: INSTALMENT FIFTH

RUSSIA is in many respects the antithesis of England. It may not be an island lying off the European coast, but neither the country nor the people nor the civilisation really belongs to Europe; in spite of two centuries of ardent endeavour it remains a part of Asia, with which its spaciousness, land bound character, Mongoloid blood and stagnant immobility link it.

Russia entered the circle of European powers not much later than England, but as a land, not a sea power. Both of them press heavily on others, England by her fleet, her command of the sea, her commerce and her threat of blockade, Russia by her enormous army which comes along like a steam roller, and can never be finally cornered and beaten in its own country.

Both are world powers, England in virtue of her overseas colonies held together by a finely spun web of sea routes, Russia by her vast Asiatic colony which merges imperceptibly into the mother country.

Russian industry was and is totally inadequate for equipping a large army or keeping it supplied through a long war.

During the world war the Russian armaments industry only succeeded in producing one million new or reconditioned rifles during 1914 and 1915; this even with the three quarters of a million imported from abroad, was not nearly enough to cover the demand for that period, which amounted to three or four millions. It was not till 1916 that home production and imports between them proved adequate; the field artillery, and this deficiency was not remedied till the end of 1917, when the Russians began to withdraw their army from the front.

The heavy artillery was in even worse case; during the retreat of 1915 it constantly had to be withdrawn from the scene of action through lack of shells.

Japan And The Allies

Had the Germans succeeded in keeping Japan away from the Allies and, if possible, as a benevolent neutral (we will not even suggest the notion of an alliance) the Russians would have been able to make considerably less use of the Siberian railway for supplying the needs of their army, or perhaps none at all. In which case Russia could hardly have gone on with a war which put such an undreamed of strain on industry, beyond the spring of 1915. This may serve as a lesson in case of future wars or alliances with Russia.

Russia, which is still an immensely populous country, is impotent except in alliance with a highly industrialised power. Among her neighbours the only one that fits this description is Germany; all the other industrial countries (England, France, America, perhaps Japan) can only maintain communications with her western regions, which will decide the military issue, by the most difficult and devious channels.

Russia, both old and new, is a country of many nationalities, so that we cannot very well speak of a Russian character covering the whole of Russia.

There is something resigned and brooding about them, and they will often follow up one action with a completely contradictory one which takes us, with our ways of thinking, completely by surprise.

Blank indifference may suddenly burst forth into violent action, apparently hopeless stupidity into boundless imagination, and a vague feeling of inferiority has its counterpart in fits of absurd arrogance.

They will buckle under to brute force ruthlessly applied, but every now and again their suppressed murmuring breaks out into an ungovernable fury in which they do things that they often bitterly regret afterwards.

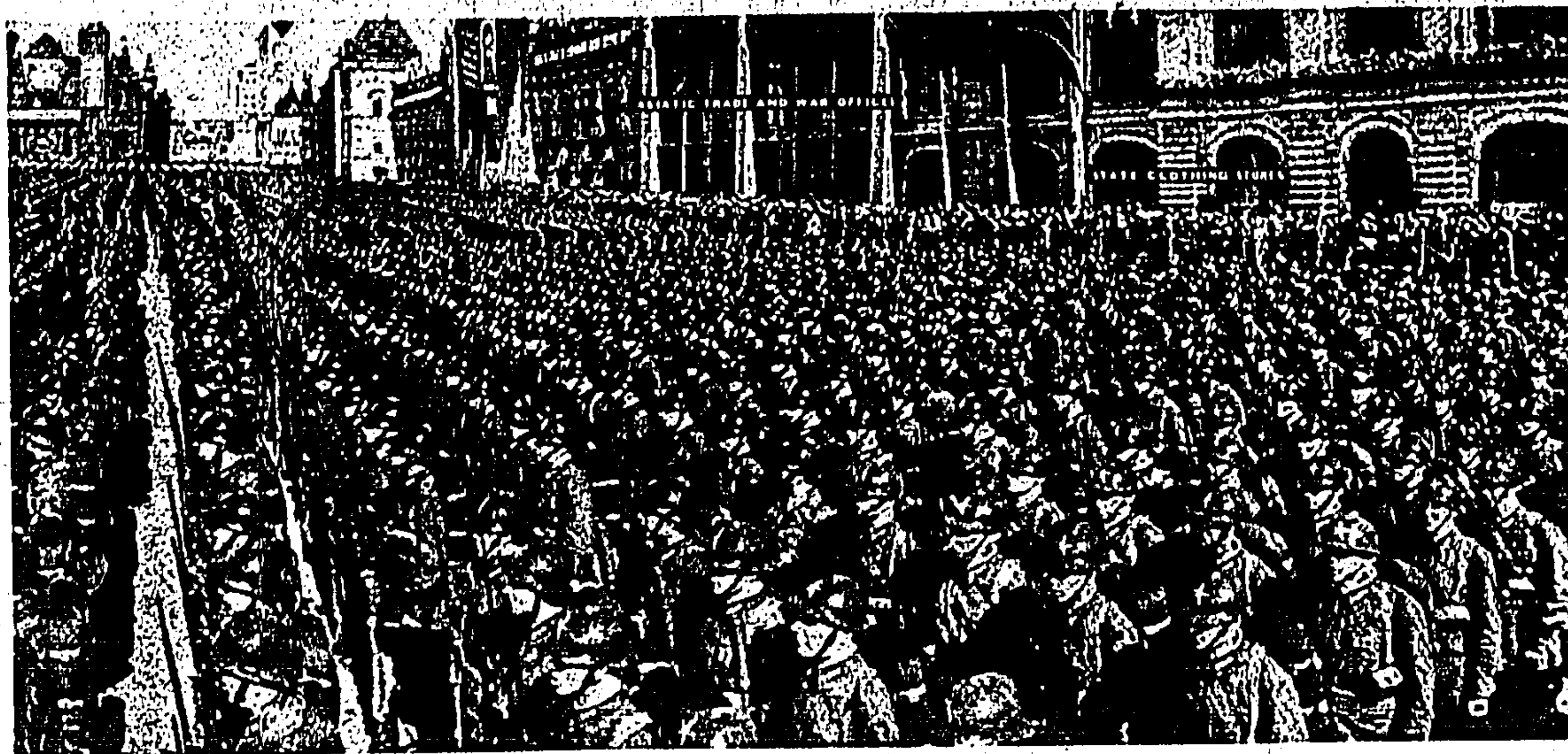
The Russian masses are incapable of any progressive development or enterprise on their own, but the weight of their numbers and their blind obedience enable them to be used under resolute leadership, to accomplish the accomplishment of great tasks.

Must Be Under The Whip

With a strong hand over them they can be ruled upon, not otherwise; without it the unstable side of their character comes to the front, and instead of the mighty Russian Empire the foreigner finds a vast collection of isolated villages.

The Great Russian nation never knows what it wants; it oscillates helplessly between action and dream; it kisses its icons with penitential devotion and then goes straight off and gets blind drunk on vodka.

The nation as a whole always stands behind its leaders even when the latter are suddenly changed, as in 1917. The government can always count on two instincts—complete and unquestioning acceptance of its decrees, and a lack of critical sense which always shouts



Red troops drawn up in a square in Moscow.

ON THIS PAGE are further extracts from "Raum Und Volk im Weltkrieg," the "Bible" of the German Army.

In previous chapters, the author, Professor Ewald Banse (Professor of Military Science at Brunswick University), wrote of the methods Germany would employ in invasion of France, Belgium, Holland and Britain. We have seen the methods put into practice in Belgium and Holland.

To-day is described German military opinion of Russia and Japan.

GERMANY AND THE STEAM ROLLER

hurry for the man who has the power and uses it ruthlessly.

The first named instinct accounts for the dumb obedience of the soldiers, who allowed themselves to be driven into battle in solid masses like sheep and mown down by the superior technical equipment and strategy of the enemy; the second for the prompt seizure of power by the Soviets, inasmuch as the peasants, who were supposed to be so devoted to the Tsar, in most cases cheerfully accepted the change of government without in the least realising what it meant.

The class which rules these masses has hardly any roots in them. Under the Tsar it was mostly Germanic with an international streak, and Russian nationalists in complexion; to-day it is wholly international, with the eastern-Jewish cum Tartar cum Caucasian note predominating.

Whatever its composition, it has always known that force is the only thing which can set the Russian masses, with their half dumbly submissive, half rebellious character, moving along the line which a far sighted government is bound to adopt if it wants to keep its own and its country's end up against foreign powers.

The Russian soldier, accustomed to being ordered about for generations submitted willingly, if in most cases ignorantly, to military discipline. Contemptuous of death, he went heavily and easily into battle in dense waves, dumbly resigned to his fate. He knew that he was fighting against superior generalship, training and technical equipment. His stoical determination was as impotent as the ruthless but not sufficiently circumspect and intelligent tactics of his leaders against the German superiority of fire. Otherwise he could never have repulsed and in places even routed the immense forces of the Russians in 1914 with such few troops, some of which were past the age for active service.

In recent, however, though not in attack, the Russian higher command showed its skill and prevented us from ever enveloping the whole Russian army.

Bearing in mind all this and also the shortage of arms and munitions in a country so little industrialised and almost cut off from its allies, we must not conceal from ourselves that we owe our victories, which were all achieved with in-

ferior numbers, in no small degree to the deficiencies of the Russians.

Falkenhayn And Napoleon

The great difference between the German advance into Russia in 1915 and Napoleon's in 1812 is that in 1812 there were no railways, so that the French advanced in lines with a narrow front, which meant that their rearward communications were in great danger; in other words, they were handicapped in every possible way by the size of the country.

The Germans a hundred years later took the railways with them, which made their communications safe, especially as they advanced on a broad front; hence the size of the country only militated against them in so far as they were out to attack the enemy; afterwards, and as soon as the railway was functioning, it shrank and lost much of its perilousness.

With modern pioneering techniques, destruction of railways, bridges and roads causes a merely momentary delay, hence it only affects troops in pursuit, not communications.

The tragedy of the German offensive in Russia in 1915 is that when the Lord had delivered the Russian army into our hands we threw away our chance of annihilating it because that was no part of our (i.e. Falkenhayn's) plan, having been dismissed in advance as hopeless. After the loss of the battle of the Marne, almost the only thing left for us—apart from an invasion of England—was to dispose of the Russian army completely and then concentrate our whole strength on the western front. We might have done this during the spring of 1916, when there was as yet no threat to our eastern front from Rumania, when England still had relatively few men in the field, and there was no question of American help for the Allies.

From the end of 1917 onwards right through 1918 the revolutionary Russian army and Russian generally played an extremely important, though purely passive, part, both in relations to us and the Allies, in determining the further course of the War and its final issue.

The Russian army fought against us no more, but it continued to exist and thereby caused us to leave a million men in Russia, as a result of which we were too weak for the decisive struggle of 1918 on the western front.

Publication of these extracts was rendered possible by the translation of the original German document into English by Messrs. Lovat, Dickson, the well-known British publishing house, who, despite German threats, published the document under the title "Germany, Prepare for War."

The Russian army thus did the same thing in the east as the British navy did in the west; both pressed heavily upon us by merely being there, that and nothing else.

And we must not conceal from ourselves the fact that the harsh manner in which we conducted the negotiations for the peace of Brest-Litovsk between December 1917 and March 1918 was partly responsible for this condition of affairs, with all the fatal consequences to us which it entailed.

We have here an instance of the failure of our government and our higher command to grasp the situation, especially where it touched on the domain of national psychology. It is not only by military but also by psychological weapons that wars are waged, won—and lost. The collapse of Russia became quite obvious and irrefragable when the Bolsheviks came into power under the leadership of Lenin in the autumn of 1917.

When our higher command sent Lenin in a sealed coach from Switzerland through Germany to Russia, it little knew it was signing Germany's death warrant.

The occupation of large portions of South Russia especially, by German and Austro-Hungarian troops (they got as far as a line drawn from Lake Peipus through Polotsk, Mohilev, and Bielgorod to Rostov-on-the-Don, besides seizing Trans Caucasia) left the Russian army untouched. And the fact that under the peace of Brest-Litovsk, which Russia was eventually compelled to sign, she "permanently" lost Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Finland, and temporarily lost Lithuania and Estonia, which meant that she was almost completely excluded from the Baltic; and that the Ukraine, her chief granary, was taken away from her, was all of no real value as long as Germany and Austria had not won the War. The fact was that the fate of the east could only be decided in the west.

Japan Like Great Britain

Japan is an island empire lying off the middle of the east coast of Asia and her geographical position is therefore similar to Great Britain. Politically and economically Japan's hour only came when, with the arrival of western maritime and commercial powers on the scene, the centre of gravity in eastern Asia shifted from the mainland to the coasts and adjacent sea, and when the Pacific, too, suddenly became of importance to eastern Asia.

More rapidly, perhaps, even than England in the 17th century, Japan at the close of the 19th realised the nature of the change, adapted herself to the new situation and sought to take a place among the great powers.

Since the territory of the Japanese motherland—the three islands of Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu, to which may be added the bleak northern island of Jesso—is small and mountainous, Japanese families, prolific, and economic life at home restricted, it was necessary for Japan, if she was to become a great power, to extend her territories to the adjacent mainland, whence she could aim at dominating the whole of eastern Asia and the Pacific.

First China was humbled; then Russia was shortly afterwards beaten; and with the acquisition of Korea, and the southern part of Sakhalin, and the establishment of a foothold in southern Manchuria, the extension of Japanese territory to the mainland was achieved. But Japan's claims were not taken altogether seriously until the "war" gave her the chance of approaching much nearer to her

goal of predominance in eastern Asia and supremacy over China. This explains her declaration of war against Germany on August 23, 1914, preceded on August 15 by an ultimatum couched in most impudent terms, the product of accumulated irritation and self-importance.

Next followed the conquest of our Chinese concession of Kiaochow, whose capital Tsingtau surrendered on November 7, 1914, for lack of munitions, after an absurdly elaborate two months' siege, considering that it was nothing more than a fortified watering place.

The first move towards the Pacific was also made at this time, the Japanese chasing German ships in the company of British cruisers and occupying some of our small and unprotected South Sea Islands, where they came into competition with the British from Australia.

When at the end of 1917 the United States on their entry into the War conceded to the Japanese special privileges in China, in order that their rear might be secure, Japan reached the height of her power and began openly to preach a kind of Monroe doctrine for the Far East. Moreover, by 1917-18 when every British and American ship was needed for service in Europe, Japan had established her commercial supremacy in the Pacific and was able to build a large merchant fleet.

The permanent results of the war years for Japan were—(1) the removal of the German (incidentally the smallest) obstacle, and the further thrusting back of Russia in Manchuria; (2) the rank of a respected great power with a population of 80 millions, which overshadows the Far East and without whose consent nothing can be undertaken in that quarter; as against that (3), a new political estrangement from Great Britain and the United States, who are concerned at all costs to prevent from shutting the door against them in China.

Since Japan cannot concern us as a theatre of war within any measurable future, we need not deal with her territory and may content ourselves with a few words about the Japanese character.

Its chief features are imitativeness and ambition, patriotism and chivalry, energy and a positively pedantic perseverance. This explains the amazing rapidity with which Japan has since the forties of last century emerged from darkest mediocrity into the light of modern civilisation, having recognised that, if she is to preserve her national existence and her political independence, she must resort to the use of European weapons.

Here she stands in marked contrast to the far greater Chinese nation which does not possess this stern determination. The Japanese devotes all his mental and moral energies and all his labour to the promotion of his country's interests, and his reward is that in scarcely half a century Japan has become a great power with a voice in world affairs.



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WEEK-END PARTY

An up-to-the-minute quiz — a new kind of memory test — ANSWERS

ARE YOU up to date with your news? Can you remember important facts you've read recently in your "Telegraph?"

Give yourself one hour and some serious thought to solve this 20-question, not-so-easy quiz. Maximum marks possible—50.

1. What week of the war are we in? (2 marks.)
2. What Dominion recently lost its Prime Minister? (2 marks.)
3. Who won the Lincoln Handicap? (2 marks.)
4. What famous Rugby player recently died in an air crash? (2 marks.)
5. What world-famous art exhibition shortly opened in London? (2 marks.)

6. What is the name of the Indian found guilty of murdering Sir Michael O'Dwyer? (2 marks.)

7. Who else was injured on this occasion? (2 marks each.)
8. Who is Australia's first Minister to the U.S.A.? (3 marks.)
9. How many rounds did Johnny Paycheck last in his recent fight against Joe Louis? (4 marks.)
10. When M. Tuganidze, referred to Peter the Great, what was M. Molotov's role? (3 marks.)
11. What British submarine scored its second spectacular success recently by sinking a German cruiser? (2 marks.)
12. Who is the French Minister for War? (3 marks.)
13. At which prison in England was there a riot recently? (2 marks.)

14. What famous article of French food has been suppressed on economy grounds? (2 marks.)

15. Was the Boat-race rowed this year—and if so, who won? (1 mark.)

16. What Dominion troops have recently been stationed in Egypt? (2 marks.)

17. Name the London tanker believed to have sunk a U-boat off Trinidad? (3 marks.)

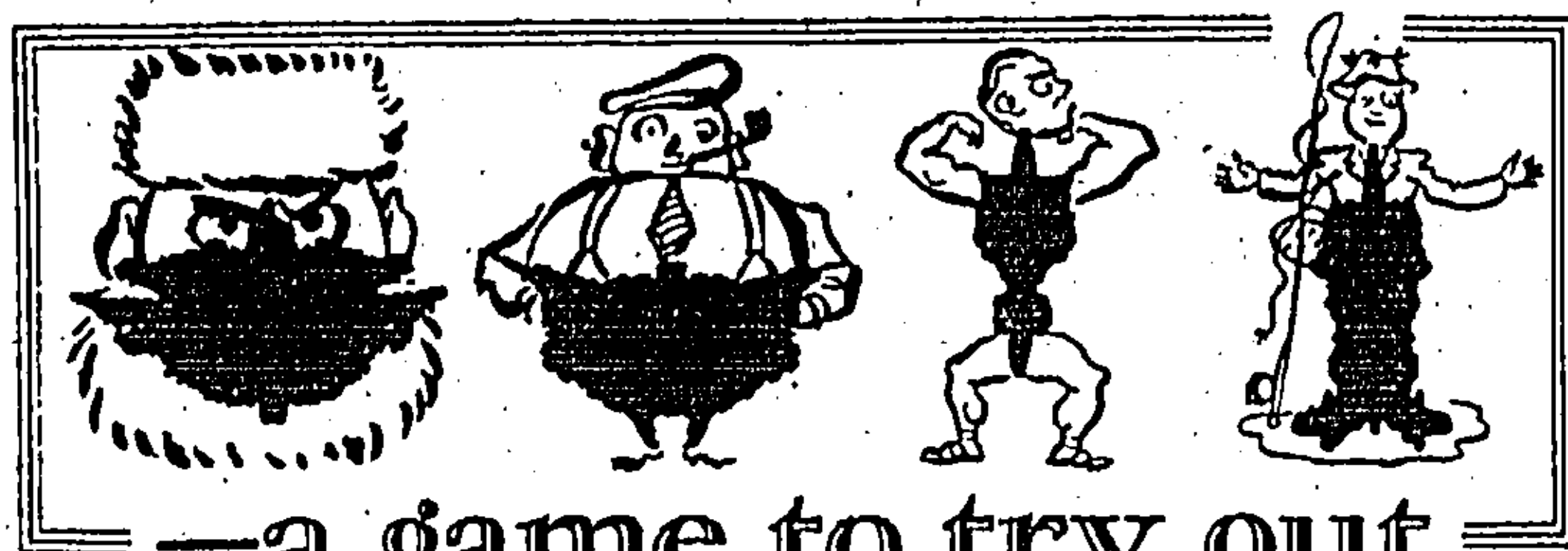
18. What was the first unit of the Territorial Army to have ordered No Man's Land? (3 marks.)

19. They have celebrated a centenary two days late. Whose—and why? (2 marks.)

20. When was Britain's Budget day this year? (2 marks.)

(Answers below.)

TICKLE UP your memory. Allow yourself five minutes for concentrated examination of the following list. Bury your head in your hands—keep still—try to visualise the objects, and the number of objects. Then cover up the list and answer the questions that follow.



—a game to try out your ingenuity—

If you have pens, prepare to use them now—for we are about to play the Blot Game.

But first, a warning to housewives: play this game in the centre of the room, well away from the walls—particularly cream walls. I don't want to wreck your homes.

Take a piece of paper—make a good fat ink blot in the middle—then (while still wet) fold the paper in the exact centre of the blot and press. Other players in the game do the same thing—each, on opening his paper, revealing a grotesque, shapeless smudge.

Each player now announces: "I am going to turn my blot into a man skipping"—or "a Russian soldier"—or "Mac West"—or "Marie"—or "Hitler"—or anything or anybody they like. Then, with pen or pencil, they set to work and add the necessary embellishments. Time limit—ten minutes. And the funniest sketch wins.

Above are some examples. See if you can better them.

—And A New Bridge-Baffler

THE other night we played a hand like this:

North:	South:	East:	West:
S. A.	S. B.	S. C.	S. D.
H. 2, 7, 5, 4	H. 10, 9, 8, 7	H. 6, 5, 4, 3	H. 2, 10, 9, 8
C. —	C. A.	C. B.	C. C.

Clubs are trumps. South led and made five tricks. How? See Column-Three.

LIST

1. Blue hat.
3. Red pencils.
1. Lonely uncle.
1. Thimble.
6. Trained seals.
2. Old brown boots.
1. Packet of needles.
2. Boes.
1. Baby sleeping in cot.
1. Mauve chemise.
4. Ties.
2. Broken hammers.
17. Rusty nails.
9. Apple trees.
1. Long black glove.

QUESTIONS

1. How many broken articles are mentioned?
2. What people are mentioned?
3. What colour is the chemise?
4. How many toys are mentioned?
5. What articles mentioned come out of a sewing basket?
6. What animals are mentioned?
7. How many red pencils were mentioned?
8. How often is the word black mentioned?
9. How often is the word yellow mentioned?
10. How many colours are mentioned?
11. What clothes are mentioned?
12. How many nails are mentioned?

SCORING

Look up the answers—score 10 for correct answers, 0 for mistakes. 80 shows fine powers of observation and a particularly good memory. 40 is average. Under 40—your memory is below par.

RECORDS

Perfect pick for the week-end party are two Decca discs of Shakespearean swing. The idea will probably singe grandma's eyebrows, but before long it is likely the old rocking chair will be going in rhythm. Four tunes—"O Mistress Mine," "Sigh No More, Ladies," "Lower and Liss," and "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind"—are done by Bob Crosby and his Bob Cats. The singer is called Marion Mann, but she sounds like Connie Boswell to me. The labels are tastefully inscribed thus—"Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" (Arthur Young, William Shakespeare). P. H.

—AND HERE'S A NEW ANGLE ON AN OLD GAME FOR THE LADIES

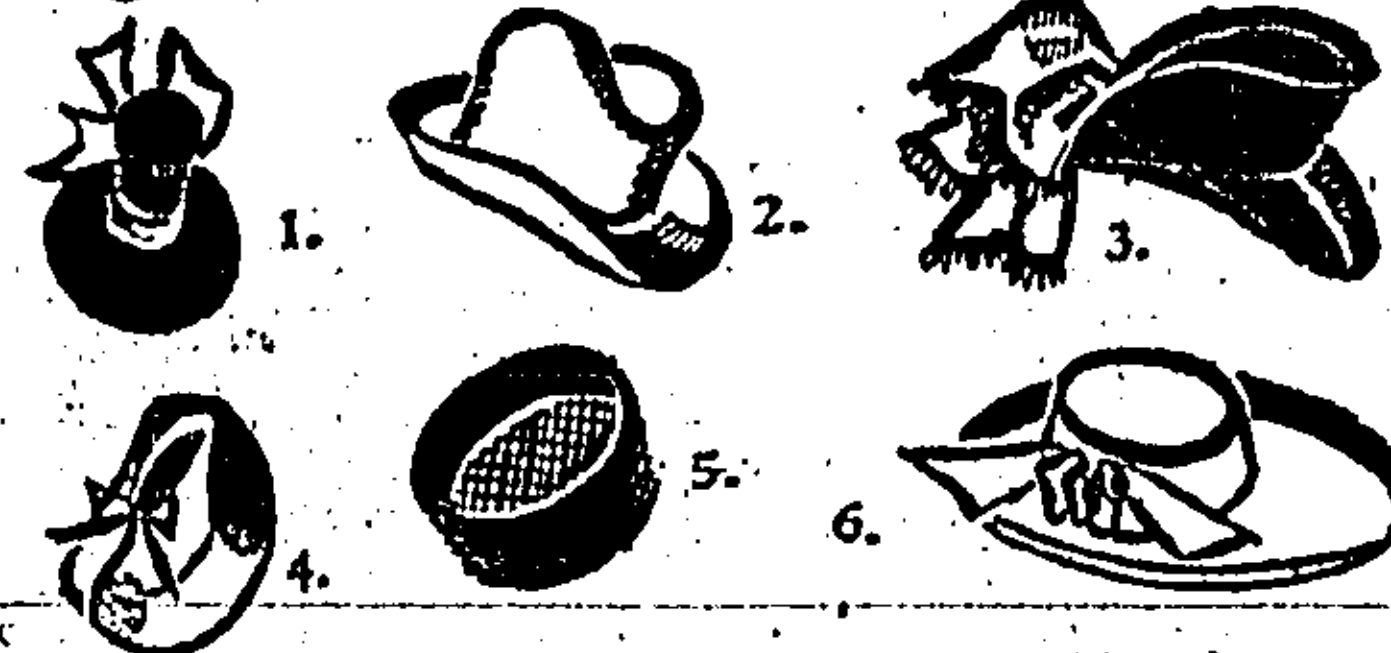
This is the first hand in a new question-and-answer game that, if you are honest, will give you a good check up on your FASHION, HOME and FAMILY sense. Start playing to-day by answering these questions.

HOW smart are you—fashionably as well as mentally? How well up in the rules that go to make good clothes?

How clever at picking on the good and bad points in your and other women's clothes? It's not enough to know what you like when you see it; you must know why you like it—and if you are right to like it anyway.

The eight questions here put a spotlight on the fine feathers of fashion; take the feathers out one by one, so to speak. If you can answer them all straight off, then you are very smart indeed; if you can answer only some of them, then you'll learn some pretty useful points from the others. But don't cheat and look at the answers first.

1. If you had a dress like this in almond green wool with four pockets, short sleeves and slightly swing skirt, which of these six hats would you choose to go with it?



8. Now that people are wearing evening dress again you have decided to get one new one to cheer up yourself and your friends. Which of these would you, and should you, go for? Why?



(Answers to be physical, not psychological.)

3. Whereabouts on a dress comes a (a) peplum, (b) jabot, (c) flounce, (d) bertha, (e) snood, (f) corsage, (g) gore, (h) décolletage?

4. Tall, thin Betty Macgregor bought herself (rather too hurriedly, I'm afraid) this striped frock—striped, really, startlingly too, in red and green and

pale blue. Now, facing facts and the criticisms of oh-so-truthful friends, she realises that it elongates her absurdly and makes her look all too tent-like. But she can't afford to buy another dress so soon. What can the poor girl do?



5. I am looking for "odd little frock"—one I can wear to the office in the morning but also carry on out to dinner in the evening. I have found a put-tern like — with a central panel front and back, with a skirt plain in front, fairly ruffledly full at the back.

6. Mrs. Jones next door comes out in a suit you can't remember her wearing before. What points will tell you if it is 1940 and the last fashion word—or merely one of her old suits—you don't happen to have seen before?

7. Mary Johnson has a new suit; here it is. It has a plain black, well-cut skirt; a red-and-white checked jacket. What colour are her short blouse (yes, we've drawn the jacket done up to make it more difficult) and hat? Remember, Mary's a smart girl.

THE ANSWERS

To Questions Above

1. 3rd, 2. New Zealand, by the death of Michael Savage. 3. Quattrone-Maire. 4. Prince Obolensky. 5. The Royal Academy Exhibition. 6. Uthman Singh. 7. Sir Louis Dane, Lord Zetland, Lord Lomington. 8. Richard G. Casey. 9. Not quite two rounds. 10. That he could write to Peter himself. 11. Uthman Singh. 12. Uthman Singh. 13. Dartmoor. 14. The roll. 15. Yes,

Cambridge. 16. Australian and New Zealand. 17. El Cervo. 18. The Northamptonshire Regiment. 19. Emilio Zola—to enable certain Ministers to attend. 20. April 23.

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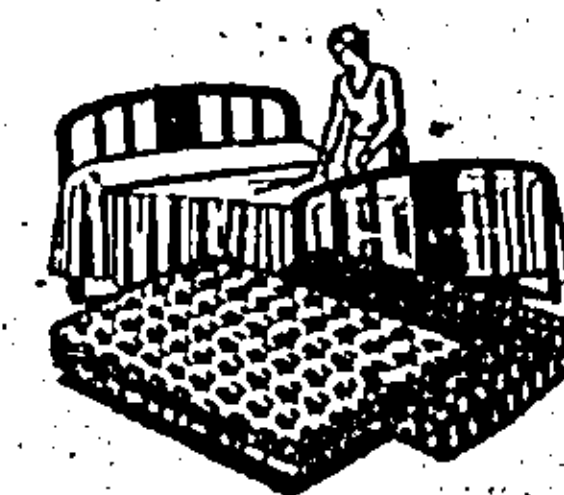
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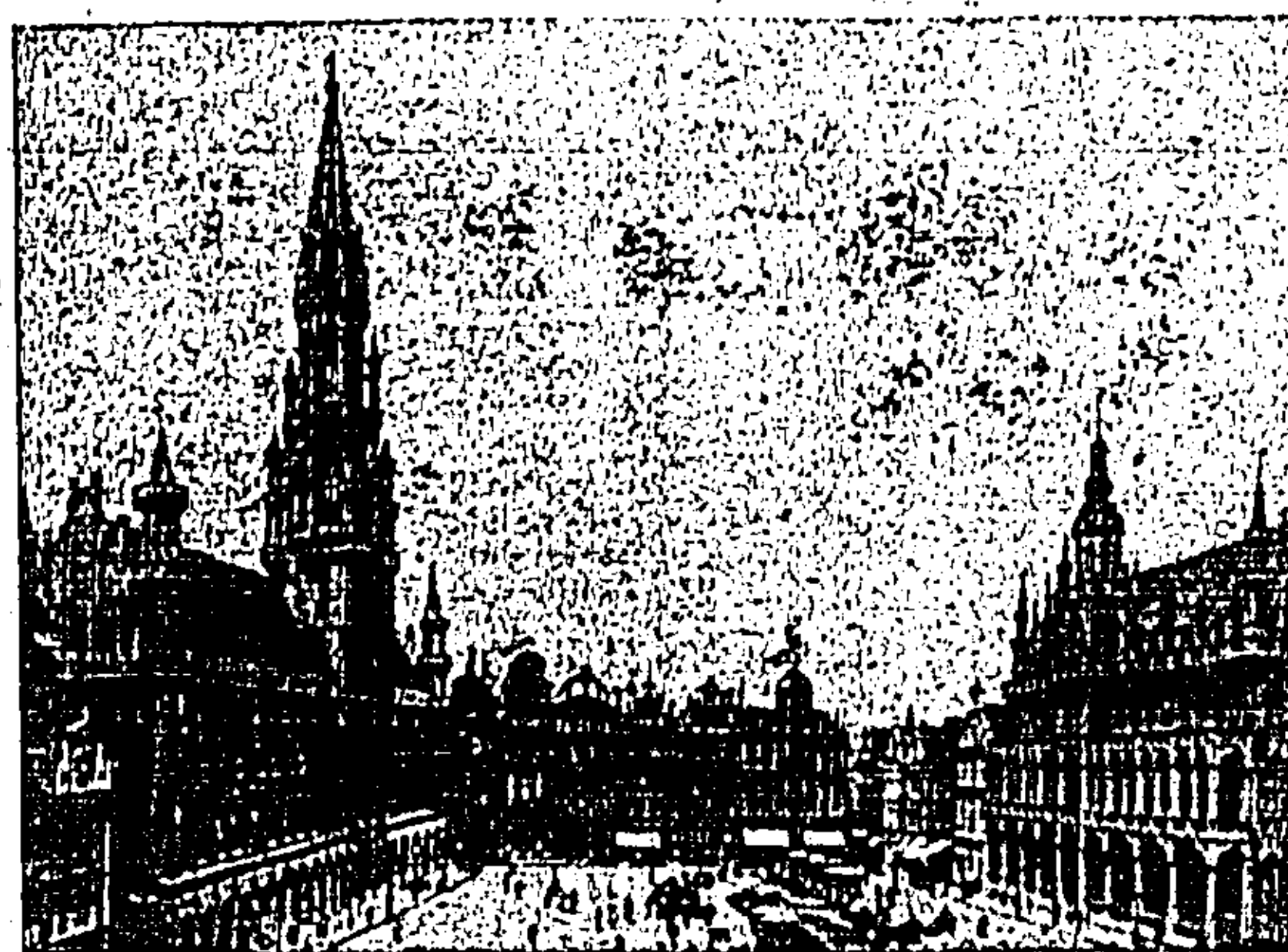
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 17 (UP).—General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces, has issued an Order for the Day which is reminiscent of the famous "Backs to the Wall" declaration by Field-Marshal Douglas Haig in the last world war.

General Gamelin, in a gravely worded Order, declares that the catchword to-day must be "Conquer or Die."

Here is the text of his statement:

"The fate of our country, the Allies and the destiny of the world is bound up in the battle now taking place.
"English, Belgian and Polish soldiers, and foreign volunteers are fighting on our side.
"The British air force is engaged up to the hilt like our own.
"As always in the critical hours of history, the watchword to-day is 'Conquer or Die.'
"We must conquer."



BRUSSELS—Grand Place

POSITION ON WESTERN FRONT GRAVE—"REUTER"

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It was learnt here from authoritative quarters this afternoon that the position is considered grave and that the German armoured divisions have broken through the French lines and penetrated some distance into French territory.

The place which they have broken through is not the real Maginot Line but is an extension covering the Belgian frontier, which has been built in the last 12 months.

The dent in the line has now become a bulge.

The German successes are mainly due to the new technique in clearing ground by heavy tank attacks, supported by low flying bombers.

In this respect, authoritative quarters say that the British Air Force has already put up a magnificent show.

R.A.F. Superior The German aeroplanes have avoided conflict whenever possible and man to man and machine to machine the British Air Forces are definitely superior.

It is thought that this was possibly due to the lack of petrol in Germany and therefore the lack of practice for the German pilots.

The Germans, according to latest reports this afternoon, had gained considerable ground and on points have won the first round.

But it was only the first round and statements in both London and Paris were equally confident of the ultimate result.

The future line of German attacks is uncertain. It might be in the north west to cut off the Allied communications or in the south west.

But meanwhile the French are gathering their resources to strike at both flanks of the bulge and there is reason to suppose that the German armoured divisions have already run out of their supplies of petrol.

Authoritative quarters in London estimated to-day that five-sixths of the total petrol supplies in Holland were destroyed before the Dutch surrendered.

Three other enemy aircraft were shot down when attacking a town in which the R.A.F. was quartered.

Light anti-aircraft batteries defending R.A.F. aerodromes brought down at least ten German planes in the last two days.

The announcement adds that the German High Command to-day gave the Allied forces of aircraft at 1,402.

It is thought that they must have published their own losses in error.

Allied losses are only a small fraction of the German losses.

Despite these heavy losses into the German air force fighting strength, it must be understood that their reserves are considerable and they will be able, for a time at least, to sustain their efforts.

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Should a scheme be introduced later in which the licensing of suppliers of ship's stores is enforced, only those whose names are registered will be allowed to supply ships with ship's stores under permit.



Germans Lost Thousand Planes In First Week

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that it is believed the German air force has lost over 1,000 aircraft since the invasion of the Low Countries.

The Air Ministry states that to the losses in the Low Countries must be added losses in Poland and Norway.

R.A.F. bombers again raided military objectives in western Germany last night and many direct hits were obtained in these operations. None of our aircraft was lost.

Attacks were made by medium bombers on enemy transports and petrol reserves round Sedan and several fires broke out.

Nazi Troops Bombed During yesterday enemy thrusts in the Meuse Valley were fiercely and successfully attacked. Pontoon bridges were blown up, roads were blocked and marching troops were bombed and machine-gunned.

The enemy were hampered and harassed at key points and the mechanized units received heavy casualties.

There has been intense activity in the B.E.F. area to-day, repeated and determined attacks on mechanized columns. The enemy were supported by strong fighter protection; nevertheless our bombers inflicted great damage in low-flying attacks.

Supporting the French army, British tanks made a sortie to attack a key position at Gembloux and encountered a large formation of enemy fighters and intense anti-aircraft fire.

R.A.F. Lost 11 Planes Eleven of our fighters failed to return.

R.A.F. fighters at dawn intercepted nine Dorniers about their aerodrome.

INTENSIVE AIR WAR

Big Fights Over The B.E.F. Area

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—All last night and throughout to-day, intense air activity continued over the B.E.F. area, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the B.E.F.

Squadrons of British bombers again attacked Nazi mechanized columns and tanks thrusting northwards.

Strong formations of enemy warplanes also launched attacks but these have been beaten off with heavy losses.

Up to 3 p.m. 21 German machines have been destroyed by our aircraft and many others were so badly damaged that it is very unlikely they reached their bases.

R.A.F. Raid Western Germany "Reuter's" special correspondent says that the R.A.F. last night raided various German military establishments in western Germany and inflicted great damage, the British Air Ministry announced to-day.

Yesterday the R.A.F. shot down 35 German planes and to-day brought down 31 more, it was added.

German air losses are far greater than those of the Allies, which the Germans claim to be 1,402 machines shot down.

ASSISTANCE FOR INDUSTRIES

Roosevelt Statement To Pressmen

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt told a Press conference to-day that the Government would assist private industry in extending aircraft industries. The Government might even construct new factories, but would not operate them.

In order to avoid the bottle-neck due to the limited capacity of the machine tool industry, the President said that the Government might take over the machine tools which foreign individuals offered.

Shortly before President Roosevelt spoke, the War Department asked Congress to remove the existing legislative limit of 6,000 planes in the Army Corps as the first step towards building up the Force to 50,000.

Mr. L. G. Morgan and Mr. C. L. Clarke have been re-assigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combustion Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. J. H. Taggart, Controller of Food, issues an order that the standard price for Longevity sweetened milk is 12 cents per 2½ oz. tin.

In to-day's issue of the "Government Gazette," Mr. J. H. Taggart, Controller of Food, issues an order that the standard price for Longevity sweetened milk is 12 cents per 2½ oz. tin.

INVADERS NOW WITHIN 25 MILES OF RHEIMS: "SERIOUS", SAYS FRENCH

PARIS, MAY 17 (REUTER).—THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE WESTERN FRONT REMAINS VERY SERIOUS, ALTHOUGH THE IMPRESSION THIS AFTERNOON IS THAT THINGS ARE SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN THEY WERE ON WEDNESDAY.

A French military spokesman to-day said that the Germans had resumed three attacks at dawn yesterday in three main directions as follows:

- 1.—Against the positions held by the British troops in central Belgium, notably at Louvain.
- 2.—Into the large salient driven into France, north of Sedan.
- 3.—At Sedan itself and south of it.

500 SQUARE MILE SALIENT

For the immediate present the most serious is the second drive north of Sedan. This is between Sambre and Rethel, which is about 25 miles south-west of Sedan and about the same distance north-east of Rheims.

A French communique issued this morning indicated that the Nazi salient here is from a line some 50 miles long along the frontier and extends anything up to 10 miles into France.

IMPORTANT SALIENT

A French military spokesman said that this was an important salient.

The first thing to do is to run a ring round the salient and curtain it by sending units to take up positions to stop further advances.

Then one must make up one's mind whether to counter-attack here or to counter-attack elsewhere.

That job is for the High Command, he said.

He indicated that good progress had been made towards curtaining the enemy's advance positions.

MASSED TANKS AND PLANES

Nothing is yet known about yesterday morning's attacks. It is reliably reported that the Germans again used massed tanks with bombing planes in close support.

The losses which the enemy must have suffered during the last few days cannot possibly be estimated but there is every reason to believe that they must have been heavy.

The whole of the operation seems to have been a desperate gamble in which the Nazis are flinging all their strength into the fray regardless of losses.

Some quarters compare the battle of the Meuse with that of Verdun in the last war.

The battle at Verdun lasted a considerable time and they say that the present battle may go on for days or even weeks with varying fortunes on either side.

South of Sedan, where there is no comparable break-through, the Germans yesterday resumed the heavy attacks of the night and day before.

A French military spokesman, indicating the fierceness of the fighting, said that the woods and villages had been taken and re-taken during the day. Some of them changed hands about five or six times.

French Communique

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—To-day's communique says "To-day the German attack developed on a massive scale, not only in Belgium but in the regions of Avesnes and Vervins. On these fronts the enemy engaged the greater part of his heavy tank divisions. The battle took on the aspect of a veritable melee. Further to the east, the enemy attacked in the region of Sedan and Montmedy without success. In close collaboration with the Royal Air Force, our aviation continues its energetic and efficacious action against land troops, road junctions and railways."

While ensuring the protection of our troops, our fighters were engaged in numerous encounters in the air. Many enemy planes were brought down. In the present circumstances of open warfare it is not possible to know the exact numbers.

Personal Triumph

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—It is learned that the Germans have launched a very violent attack north-west of Rethel at the base of the pocket formed by their thrust into French territory.

The Nazis have also launched two other attacks, neither of which was pushed to any depth, one against the Dyle line east of Brussels, which is held by the British, and the other south of Sedan.

Details of the attacks are not yet received.

APING HITLER'S YES-MEN

Il Duce Told Nation Ready For Orders

ROME, May 17 (Reuter).—Count Suardo, President of the Senate, addressing Senators in the presence of Signor Mussolini this afternoon, said:

"The Italian people press around you Il Duce, to form a body of energy and will be ready for your orders because they know that the path you will choose aims at Italy's greatness and power."

"We are indignant at the new irritations which recall the coalition of 52 enemies against our single nation."

The speech followed the passing of a budget which showed that the expenditure for 1939-40, estimated at 29 milliard lire, had risen to 36 milliard, and in consequence the deficit had risen from 4½ milliard to 6½ milliard.

Evacuation Donal ROME, May 17 (Reuter).—A Cairo despatch to the "Sofani" agency states that the Italian Legion there has denied reports that Italian Consul have advised Italians living in Egypt to leave.

Nazis Must Make More Sacrifices

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Germans were told of the necessity for further heavy sacrifices in an official broadcast.

The announcer declared: "We are fully aware of the difficult tasks still have to be performed. These tasks will heavily tax the self-sacrifice both of the army and the home front, but we know that no sacrifice for the sake of Germany's victory will be too great for them."

Mr. J. H. Taggart, O.B.E., has been appointed to be Controller of Food.

BRUSSELS ENTERED, SAYS NAZI CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, MAY 17 (UP).—THE GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE ENTERED BRUSSELS. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND TO-NIGHT READ: "AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH POSITIONS SOUTH OF LOUVAIN, GERMAN TROOPS THIS EVENING MARCHED INTO BRUSSELS."

According to DNB, the official German news agency, Nazi troops have reoccupied Louvain and have also reached parts of northern France.

German reports from the front adopt a jubilant tone. Says one: "The German successes in France are sensational. Our troops have broken through the Maginot Line in the south from Metz to Carignan along a 60-mile front. Thus the steel and concrete defence ring with which France was encircled on her eastern frontier has been burst."

Staggering Achievement Another Berlin message says that well-informed military sources there have described the alleged breakthrough on a 60-mile front as a staggering achievement of German arms.

However, they express caution and indicated that this does not necessarily mean the beginning of a decisive and final German victory on the Western Front.

Nazi military chiefs confess that the French can now be expected to launch a desperate attack from the south against the German flank as it swings to the north, recalling a similar manoeuvre by the famous French "Foch" army in the first world war, when they attacked the right flank of the German forces swinging south-east of Paris, and defeated the Germans in the battle of the Marne.

Nazis Probable Manoeuvre Neutral experts now believe that the Nazis will probably attempt to swing in a great arc to the north towards the English Channel, enclosing forces on a large scale—many of which are believed to be British—in north Belgium and the northeast corner of France.

These observers point out that the magnitude of the German successes is emphasized by the fact that they first took Namur and broke through the Allied lines between Namur and Sedan after a great tank battle west of Dinant, after which they drove on through the northern extension of the Maginot Line into France.

If the expected French counter-attack on the German flank does not materialise, or is not successful, it is expected that the Allied forces in north Belgium and northeastern France will fall into a really desperate position, with the Germans attacking from the rear and crushing them against their positions along the Dyle River, through which the Germans, coming from Liege and Maasticht, have already forced a breach south of Wavre.

Govt. Leaves Brussels BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—M. Van Der Poorten, the Belgian Minister of the Interior, has left Brussels.

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By the Rt. Hon. VISCOUNT HALIFAX LIBERTY THE ISSUE



LORD HALIFAX

WE are under no illusion about the war.

We know how great are the issues the liberty and independence of our own country and Commonwealth, and of all European States.

Nether do we underrate the strength of our enemy or the sternness of the struggle upon which we are engaged. We realize that to secure victory in that struggle will require all the energy and all the resolution that we can command.

There is a profound difference between a dictatorship and democracy in this business of making war. The dictator enjoys great initial advantages. His preparations and his policy can be made in complete secrecy. But the people have no part in that policy. They do not know what it is. They cannot place themselves in opposition to it, and therefore the actions of a dictator appear to the outside world as the expression of a single will. In a democracy there is no surrender of private judgment. There is no suppression of outside contacts, and there is no sinister action by a secret police, and undoubtedly that increases the difficulty of any Govern-

ment in the time of preparation and planning. But when trouble comes the fact that the people know and the people have approved in the decision reached with the overwhelming force of free judgment and united will.

It is just that unity of moral purpose which Herr Hitler rates so low which will be, if I mistake not, the principal cause of his defeat. The strain of modern war is very great, and there is no doubt in my mind, and I think there will be none in yours, that it will be borne more easily by the man who is in it from conviction than by the man who is in it by coercion.

There is no need to recall in more than a sentence the history of the last years, during which Europe has watched and waited and wondered, much as we wait through the sultry, heavy days of summer for the breaking of the storm.

Some Foreign Secretary at the end of February, 1938, and within a fortnight of my going to that office the German Army marched into Austria. Two months later, in May, there was the crisis over the alleged preparations of Germany to attack Czechoslovakia. Whatever may be the exact truth of those days, the immediate anxiety aroused was the measure of the extent to which even then the German Government had succeeded in

destroying the confidence of Europe, and all through the summer the operation of the new familiar technique was going on by way of preparation for the real offensive which culminated in the crisis of September, 1939.

The Munich settlement gave Germany all that she immediately wanted. In applying that Agreement I think it is true to say that every contentions point was decided in Germany's favour, and yet it became clear at once that Herr Hitler was profoundly disappointed. In private he inveighed against the Agreement and against those of his advisers who had stood on the side of peace. In public he began within a few days to attack this country in speeches, and German newspapers that were closest to the Ministry of Propaganda in Germany launched a violent campaign against this country. It became rapidly evident that Herr Hitler, in fact, objected to the way of procedure by settlement through negotiation and that if we are to judge by all the evidence, he actually resented having been balked of a war over Czechoslovakia.

During several stages of the discussions which preceded Munich, Herr Hitler made it quite clear to those taking part in them that he was anticipating with relief the opportunity of chastising Czechoslovakia, and I have no doubt that he was also disillusioned because he hoped that after Munich we should be lulled into security and would close down on our own rearmament, making no attempt to compete with Germany, with the consequence that Germany would have been left in possession of what Hitler himself has called the mightiest armaments that the world has ever known, without a competitor, and in that position he could have made himself the dictator, not only of Germany, but of Europe.

But there was some reason to hope that, having vented his annoyance, he would nevertheless abide by the settlement which he had signed; but we all know, of course, what happened. Within six months of the signature of that Agreement, in spite of many solemn promises, he annexed the remainder of that unhappy State, and it was the forcible imposition of millions of men and women of another race that showed the world as in a flash that there was no question of German rights, but something that was the symptom of his real purpose—German domination—that struck at something very deep in the hearts and minds of the British people the world over.

It is certainly true that that instinct of our people has always, throughout their history, driven them to resist attempts by any one nation to make itself master of Europe. They have always seen in any such attempt a threat to their own existence and to the general course of liberty in Europe, and I have no doubt at all that the history of the nineteenth century proves them to have been right.

Just look back. During that time, thanks to the command of the sea, the power of Great Britain was unchallenged, and it was no coincidence that that century—the nineteenth—saw a great development of liberty throughout the world. There is, I think, no more striking instance to be found of the different uses to which great strength can be put than that provided by this country and Germany. No small nation has ever regarded our sea power as a menace to its orderly and legitimate development.

Not so with Germany, for no sooner had the land and air forces of Germany regained their strength after the last war than a kind of trembling began to run through the smaller States of Europe, and all Germany's neighbours felt not only their liberty but possibly their very existence threatened by it, and, therefore, I say without hesitation that if the British people have been right as they have been in resisting domination by any one Power in Europe, they are doubly so right to-day.

The occasions of war are not, of course, always their fundamental cause. It is true that the case of aggression on Poland was covered by our formal commitments to Poland, but it was not Poland in itself, but the whole picture of German policy, as by then it had been revealed, that first of all caused that commitment to be honoured with practical unanimity in this country, when the time came.

It has been suggested that we might perhaps have stood aside and have allowed Germany to do what she liked in the East and South-East of Europe, and that we might have reached an understanding with Herr Hitler by which Germany would not challenge British or French vital interests. We have always been willing to recognize the special interests that Germany had in those parts of Europe which, for geographical or economic reasons, occupied for her special importance and which, therefore, she was entitled to plan such special interest.

But once it became clear that the purpose of German policy was domination by absorption of non-German people, then it was, to my mind, obvious that we were once again faced by the identical challenge to history no amount of Herr Hitler's assurance could disguise.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Something wonderful happened to-day, dear!—I baked my first pie and it was stolen right off the window sill!"

Weekly Commentary By "The Scrutineer"

DISUNITED TRINITY

the insignificant, peaceful state, by a costly war, and to find the threat increased tenfold from Copenhagen under German rule is not what Russia wanted.

Germany, however, thought the war in Finland showed that the Russian Giant had feet of clay and could be treated with the same contempt or indifference as in 1914.

Germany then hopes that Russia will fulfil the duty allotted to her of supplying oil and such things, but she does not want her military assistance, as it might embarrass her. If Russia can be cajoled now into being a docile economic partner, then Italy might be courted because she has a fleet and an air arm, is nearer to the Allies, can inflict much damage on them in the Mediterranean, and is likely to prove an asset rather than a liability.

If Mussolini falls into that trap, he will prove to be the most foolish of the dictators. His success up till now like that of the others has been gained by threats and by victories over weak and helpless opponents, in Abyssinia and Albania.

Mussolini has done very well out of the axis, but here is every reason why he should remain satisfied with his achievements rather than jeopardise them by engaging in war with the Allies.

Unlike Germany, Italy has an overseas Empire, in which she has great pride. It consists of Libya, Ethiopia, Somaliland and the Dodecanese Islands in the Aegean. It is not possible to believe that she can retain these in face of the overwhelming Allied naval forces in the Mediterranean which support the very considerable army from Australia and other parts in Palestine and Egypt. Modern naval battles depend to a certain extent on the spirit of the forces and not only on the weight of armament, but no one has ever suggested that the British Navy has lost its daring

or its skill. The battle in the River Plate certainly proves the contrary. Italy is definitely inferior to the Allies in both categories. But it will be said Italy has an air force and it is because Mussolini is convinced that the air arm is to play a decisive role in this war, that he feels inclined to take the plunge. He is not likely to find the Allied forces deficient in this respect, for the Empire as a whole is the product of turning out pilots and machines at a far greater pace and of a higher quality than Mussolini can hope to equal.

The great weakness, however, of Mussolini lies in his following. The Italian people have been whipped up into militant ecstasy during the past fifteen years. Abyssinia and Spain gave scope for the outlet of that enthusiasm. The former was a war of conquest, pure and simple, while the latter was, in the eyes of Italy, a sort of religious war against Communism.

In both cases the Church was able to bless the soldiers and the colours and send them off in good heart. Can the Church do the same in this present case?

ITALY has a strong historical sense which Mussolini has stimulated by his continual references to the Roman Empire. In that history Italy has little or no German affiliations, but many with Great Britain. It will not be a united Italy that will cleave to the former and become the enemy in war of the latter. It was because there was a half-hearted mood among the Italian people in the last war that defeats and retreats were conspicuous from time to time. It is not likely that the heart of Italy will be in this war, for she is not threatened by the Allies.

If she joins in on the side of Germany, then one important route to Germany will be shut off, her colonies will be lost, her ships will become prizes of war, or will be scuttled, and as a nation she will be crippled.

EDITORIAL

THE Blitzkrieg was a week old yesterday. What have the Germans accomplished in that week. They have another three enemies. The vast overseas resources and merchant marine of one—Holland—is now at the disposal of the Allies. Every neutral neighbour knows that the fate of the Scandinavian and Lowland countries may be theirs. Hitler's circle of sympathisers grows less.

HOW can Holland aid the Allies now she has been overrun? Study these figures: The Dutch East and West Indies are two of the world's richest colonies. They have a total area of 700,000 square miles, rich in oil, minerals, food, and with a population of 61,000,000 (seven times the population of the Motherland). Holland's navy, still intact, has three cruisers, 8 destroyers, 19 submarines.

UNTIL Friday last week, few of Hitler's neighbours worried about "Fifth Columnists." Every German in every country in the world is now viewed with suspicion. The reaction to the invasions of Holland and Belgium has been instantaneous; scoundrels have been expelled, internal precautions have been adopted, "tourists" have been expelled. There is now such a thing as a "peaceful neutral."

MUSSOLINI may enter the war. But what of it? When we went to war with Germany in September did we expect to fight Germany alone? It was a "foregone conclusion" then that Italy would be a belligerent and there was more surprise at Mussolini's policy of "non-belligerence" than there was at, say, the conclusion of the Russo-German Pact. Mussolini has sat on the fence for at least eight and a half months.

BELGIUM is by no means conquered. In the last war she was overrun in four weeks and in five weeks the Germans were knocking at the gateway of Paris. The Kaiser was ready for the triumphant entry. The Great Retreat from Mons had eaten into the soul of the gallant Old Contemptibles, who contested every inch of the way across Flanders bloody fields until the new B.E.F. could come to their aid.

SINCE Friday last week, Hitler has thrown every ounce of his power into Belgium and Holland. He has sought a Blitzkrieg victory and in eight days all he has gained has been the strip of territory east of the River Meuse and a salient into France at Sedan. His generals, 25 years ago did much better than that without an air force or mechanised units. Don't forget that the initial advantage in every battle goes to the initiator. But so do the initial losses. For every six soldiers England, France and Belgium have thrown into the fray, Germany has thrown ten. This initial strength is possible because defensive forces cannot know where the blow is going to come and their troops must be scattered over a wider front than the aggressor. But the Allied losses in man-power are proportionately less than the German losses, for the reason that the Army taking the offensive always pays more dearly. This was proved in the last war when the aggressor in the Big Battle lost an average of twice as many men as the losers.

UNLESS Hitler can gain a quick victory in France his Blitzkrieg has failed. To win the war he must avoid positional fighting. He must only keep going as long as there is enough space for his mechanised units to operate. Once the stalemate of trench warfare comes—as come it must—when the present Nazi drive ends—Hitler is doomed. The invasion of Belgium and Holland was the act of a desperate man—a man who cannot afford any longer to fight the war on the economic front.

PROFESSOR BANSE, the Nazi military expert who was the author of the plan which Hitler last week put into effect, warned in the extracts from the book now appearing in the "Telegraph" that a war of attrition or stalemate would be fatal for Germany. In almost uncanny fashion, Hitler has successfully carried out the strategy evolved by Banse for invasion of Poland, Norway, Denmark, and Holland. But Banse's plan failed in Belgium. It did not take into account the extent of Belgian resistance, something that was also instrumental in the failure of the British plan, upon which the invasion of Belgium and France in 1914 was based.

Which is just another way of saying

THUMBS UP

Germany, Russia and Italy are a trinity of totalitarian states, but they are not a trinity in unity.

There are those who are shocked when it is suggested that the similarity between Communism and Nazism is so striking that they are almost indistinguishable.

Lovers of Russia are haters of Germany, while admirers of Mussolini can see nothing in common between him and his rival—Stalin, except that each is the idol of his people.

There is no doubt that Germany, Russia and Italy have much in common, but they are also bitter rivals in many respects. Russia and Germany are neighbours and each covets the territory which lies on its borders. The Balkans and the Baltic are where German and Russian interests clash, and it is impossible to believe that those two countries will ever really come to terms. The traditional antagonism is as great and unbridgeable as that between France and Germany.

IT is not so much the ideological differences that separate these peoples. It is something more elemental—the demand for Lebensraum.

Germany wants the Ukraine, where wheat grows so abundantly, and she also wants control over Rumania, where oil flows so freely, but in addition to these ambitions, Germany wishes to control the Baltic in which Russia has once more reasserted her power to the detriment of Germany.

The enforced withdrawal of the old wealthy German families from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia was a very severe blow to German prestige.

It exposed her weakness as it revealed Russia's strength, or, at least, her superior bargaining power.

Obviously Germany resented this and could not, except temporarily, accept this proof of her inferiority.

It was Russia's advance in the Baltic and her conquest over Finland that forced Germany to advance up the other arm of the Baltic.

Now all these moves are clear and strategic, but the moral price that Germany has paid for her advance up the Baltic is one that can never be recovered.

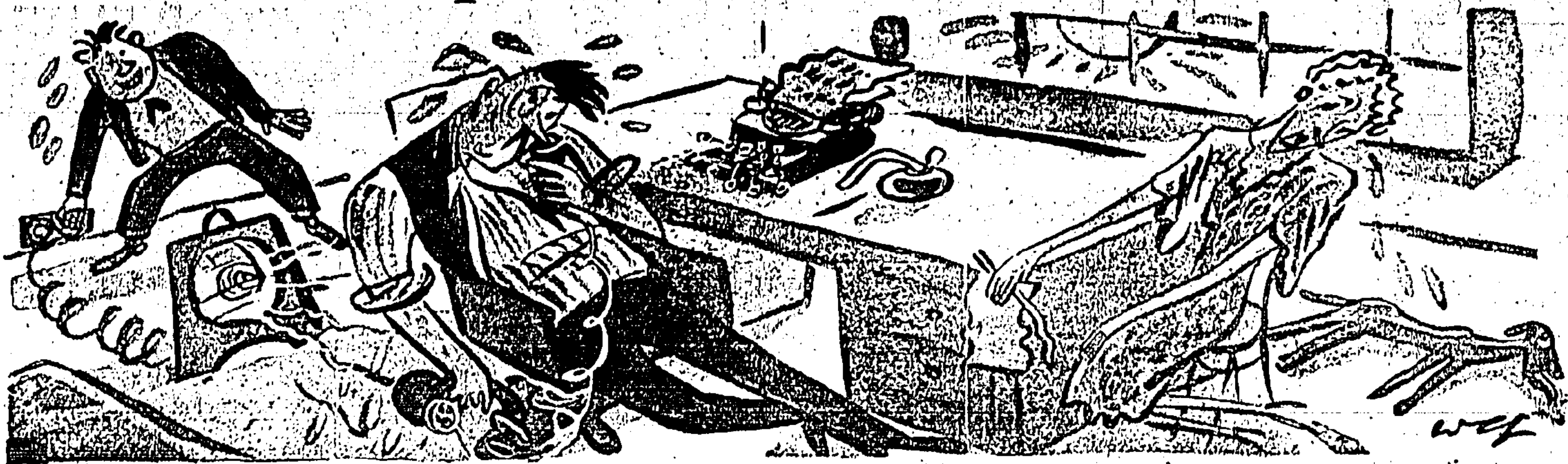
The United States which can be regarded as a detached onlooker, comprising within herself as she does all the representative nations of Europe, has not hidden her opinion of this last act of violence. Germany's betrayal of the Baltic States stands out in her eyes in marked contrast with the refusal of the Allies to be a party to such a plan with Russia.

GERMANY'S invasion of Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium still further emphasises the depths to which German methods have sunk so that it is impossible to find in any neutral country a reputable apologist for Hitler and his government.

The Germans seem to have succeeded in forfeiting the respect of every neutral state except Italy, whose position is now so difficult, that she does not know where to turn or what to do.

Gradually Germany is retreating from Russia, just as Russia is naturally growing more suspicious of Germany. To remove the menace to Leningrad from Finland

How to Keep Cool When the Heat Waves



The editor must have a very poor opinion of our readers. "Write about heat waves," he said. "They're in the fashion now." He talks like that.

"WHAT the devil can I write about heat waves?" I asked.

"Oh—er—just heat waves and all that. Anyhow, get on with it."

Ah, well... heat waves (time off to walk up and down the floor a bit).

The history of heat waves goes very far back and traces of mummified heat waves have been found in Egyptian tombs. No. That's no good.

It has been noticed that the incidence of heat waves or periods of intense heat occur mostly during the summer with equinox (now we're off) in northern latitudes.

In the temperate zone, heat waves do not occur. That's why people remain temperate in those zones. Some people, of course, own their own zones. (If you say "own their own zones" two hundred times, you go sound asleep. Try it!)

They can turn a temperate zone into a hot one by carrying a bottle on the hip—or by having a well-stocked ice-chest.

Personally, I am not averse to heat waves. I have a natural propensity for lassitude, cool drinks and general exhaustion, and during heat waves this goes unnoticed. In cool weather when everybody is hurrying about the place doing things, they point at me and say, "Look at that lazy brute!"

It is quite natural to show signs of fatigue on a hot day, but somehow my boss doesn't seem to understand. If I'm doing a bit of

fatiguing with my feet up on the desk and a cushion at the back of my neck he starts asking me what I think he's paying me for.

How the devil do I know? Fancy asking a man a difficult question like that when he's half asleep.

Heat waves can be treated in various ways. Personally, I find that lying on the floor of the bathroom watching the shower pour is fairly soothing. Walking about the house in your pyjama pants and singlet is bared at our place.

That's why I'd like to stay at a boarding-house run by a broad-minded landlady. Most of the landladies I've stayed with have been broad, but not in the mind.

I seem to have slid off the subject of heat waves. I get chattering away—you know how it is. HEAT WAVES!

The heat wave is frequently responsible for mistakes, prickly heat, rashes and hot rhythms. They were invented by a Phoenician ice-cream vendor in the year 859 B.C.—strangely enough.

Mysterious Origin

SINCE writing that bit about "strangely enough" I have been called to the phone and I have forgotten what it was about. I'll skip it if you don't mind.

About these heat waves, and to blazes with them, where they be-

long! They are caused by solar reaction on the upper substrata which generates nebulous cross-currents at the zenith and all points west.

There is no known cure for them although I have discovered a palliative which is a simple preparation of orange juice, crushed ice and gin.

I regret to say that my distinguished relative has been thrown out of Germany for asking Doctor Goebbels for a couple of pfennigs

for the upkeep of the Jewish Chess Club in Palestine.

It was rash of him, but we all get a rash of some kind at some time or other.

Getting back to this heat wave business again, I have found a way of enjoying it.

You just go and sit in the hottest place you can find. When you are two degrees from total collapse, eat a cucumber.

I did this and finished up in a lovely air-conditioned hospital with ice-packs on me. It was glorious.

This is pay day for me. My programme on this day is—

- (1) Dodge the wife.
- (2) Plate of fried asparagus.
- (3) Pint of beer.
- (4) Take collar off.
- (5) Take shoes and coat off.
- (6) Put forehead in wash basin.

Remember, there is one final hope. If many visits to the bar still leave you feeling hot, you can assure yourself of a cool reception at home.

I am now going home—deviously.

FLIMSIES AND THINGS!



YOU HEAR IT, EVERY HEAT-WAVE—
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DOWN FROM TWENTY-FIVE!"

"YOU BEEN AT MY LIPSTICK AGAIN, YOU YOUNG MONKEY?"

BRIDGE PROBLEM

No. 3

Hearts are trumps. South leads and North-South must win all five tricks. Solution next week.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 2

South wins with ace of spades and follows with nine trumps. North returns spade nine which East wins with king and leads small club which South wins with ace. South wins with spade queen. North discarding a club. South follows with small club and North ruffs. King with trump Jack North leads queen and three of trumps, the second of which is won by East who has to lead clubs and South with Jack 9 of clubs.

If, at trick one, East throws his king under the ace of spades, South follows with queen and seven of spades the last of which West wins. North discarding a club. West with (a) with with jack of diamonds and follow with trump six which North will win with queen and follow with Jack ten and three of trumps and West will be squeezed so that he must throw either his master diamond or unguard his club king, and North-South will win the last two tricks. If, at trick four, West (b) leads his trump immediately after diamond, North will win with ten, play his club to South's ace, ruff the return club with Jack lead queen and three of trumps and the last two tricks will fall to South's clubs as in first solution.

'Ribbentrop As Purge Victim'

NEW YORK.

A prediction that "1940 will bring purges in Germany, and that Von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, will be one of the 'unsuspected,'" is made by Dorothy Thompson in the New York Herald Tribune.

She also forecasts that the "National Socialist regime will encounter the strongest opposition from the women and farmers during 1940."

Dealing with the Allies' control of the seas, the New York Times writes: "There are good technical reasons for doubting whether Germany will accomplish anything with the 150-ton submarines which she is about to build."

"They would just about reach the lanes of Transatlantic traffic in mid-ocean when they would have to refuel. The harbours and estuaries of the British Isles are now so well mined and the convoys so well escorted that not much can be expected from the activities in waters nearer home."—Reuter.

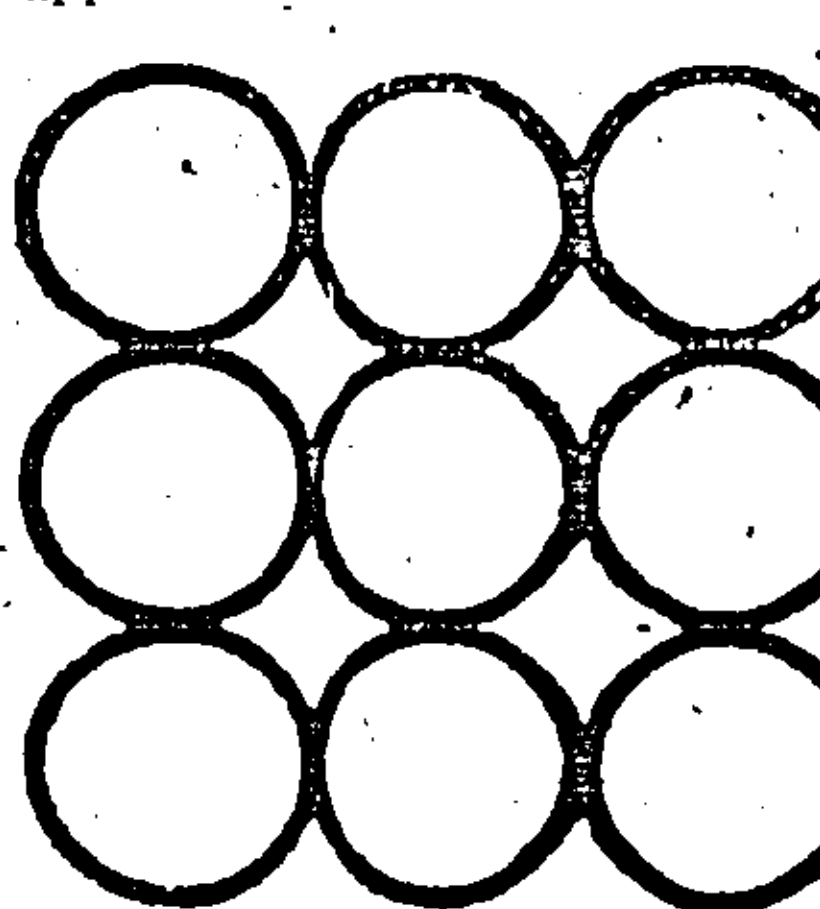
Brain-teasers

Here is the answer to last week's No. 1 Teaser

1. Here are nine circles, three red, three white, and three blue.

They are arranged so that each red circle touches a white, each white touches a blue, and each blue touches a red.

Just mark them off according to their colours. The answer will appear next week.



YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING TEASERS ON PAGES 4 & 5.

2. What was the name of the famous musical comedy that was adapted from Bernard Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man?"

3. A lepidopterist is a student of (a) flowers, (b) insects, (c) fish, (d) foreign languages, (e) the Old Testament.

4. What is the name of the organisation that controls England's lighthouses?

5. Is it true to say that Brown- ing wrote the poem "How They Brought The Good News From Aix To Ghent?"

6. "Lillibullero" is the name of (a) A famous Italian pirate, (b) A town in Ireland, (c) Country name for a potent vegetable wine, (d) Popular song of the 17th Century.

7. Who succeeded Sir Ronald Lindsay last year as our Ambassador to the U.S.A.?

8. Which of the following holds the greatest amount of liquid—a kilderkin or a puncheon?

9. What services do the following abbreviations stand for (a) N.A.S., (b) R.E.S., (c) E.N.S.A., (d) F.A.A.

10. What famous British comedian played his original profession in a recent film?

11. Out of the 52 countries in England and Wales, which two combined are known as the "County Palatine?"

12. Is Helsinki in the north or the south of Finland?



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The way to a lovely body

I have a hunch," moaned Betty Bead. That Spring is in the air. Yet I feel ill—I do indeed. Sluggish and full of care. For Life I do not give a pin. Whatever shall I do? When summer is in bloom in flow loudly sing cuckoo?

"Winter, my dear," said Miss D. Cooke. "Has made your blood run slow. Given your eyes that dullish look. And made you feel quite low. Get well the 'exercising way' (To grumble is no use). To clear your blood drink twice a day. A glass of orange juice."

EXERCISE

Take a light "skip jump" on the toes and swing both arms back (1). Feet high on left foot, bending right knee up and swinging right arm forward, upward (2). Repeat the "skip jump" (3). Hop high on right foot, left knee and left arm up (4).

Do the exercise with bare feet or wear flat shoes, and repeat it eight times. Think of a jolly tune while you hop, two beats to each movement.

If you think you need an exercise for your special body bother, write to Dorothy Cooke, "Daily Mirror," Fetter-lane, E.C.4, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

by Dorothy Cooke

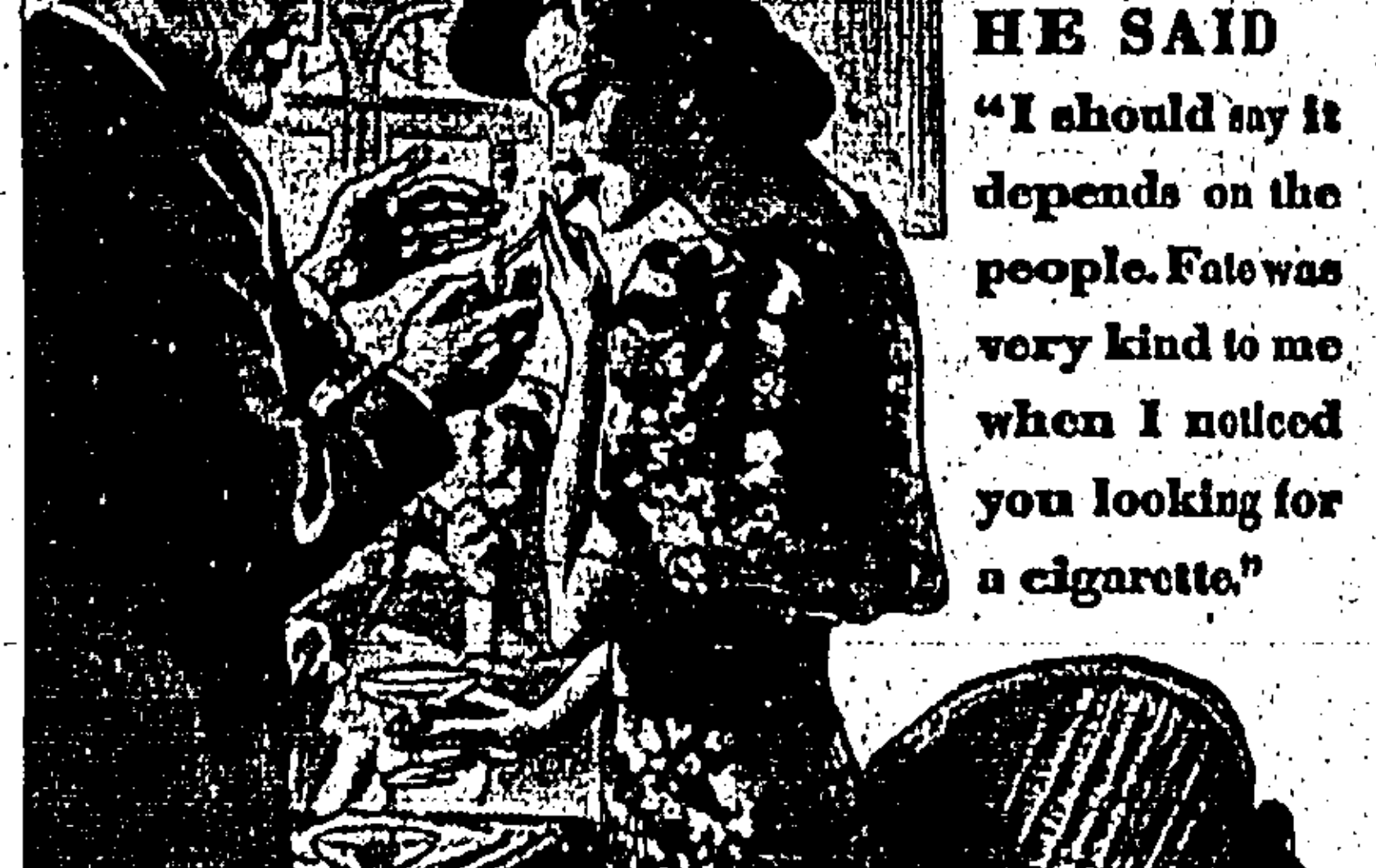
'TEASERS' ANSWERS

HERE are the answers to the Teasers in Column Two.

1. The Chocolate Soldier.
2. The Chocolate Soldier.
3. The Chocolate Soldier.
4. Trinity House.
5. No. Browning wrote "How They Brought The Good News From Ghent To Aix."
6. A popular song of the 17th Century.
7. The Minstrel of Lathom.
8. A Bowler.
9. (a) Nursing Auxiliary Service. (b) River Emergency Service. (c) Entertainment National Services Association. (d) Fleet Air Arm.
10. George Formby as a jockey in "Come On, George."
11. Lancashire and Cheshire.
12. The Minstrel of Lathom.

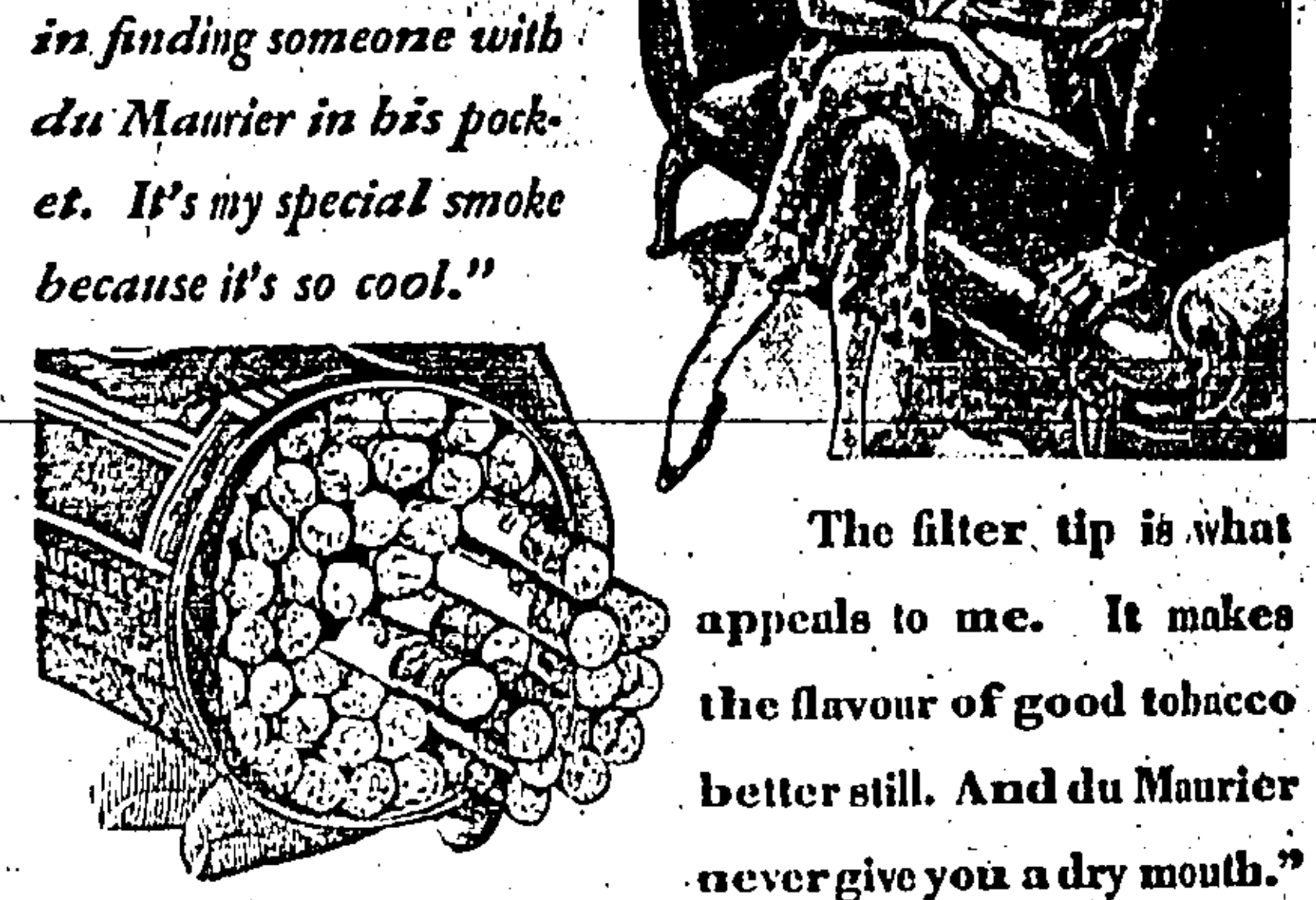
"It's a good thing"

she said "you're not like my brother. He never makes friends with people."



HE SAID "I should say it depends on the people. Fate was very kind to me when I noticed you looking for a cigarette."

SHE SAID "And I was lucky, too, in finding someone with du Maurier in his pocket. It's my special smoke because it's so cool."



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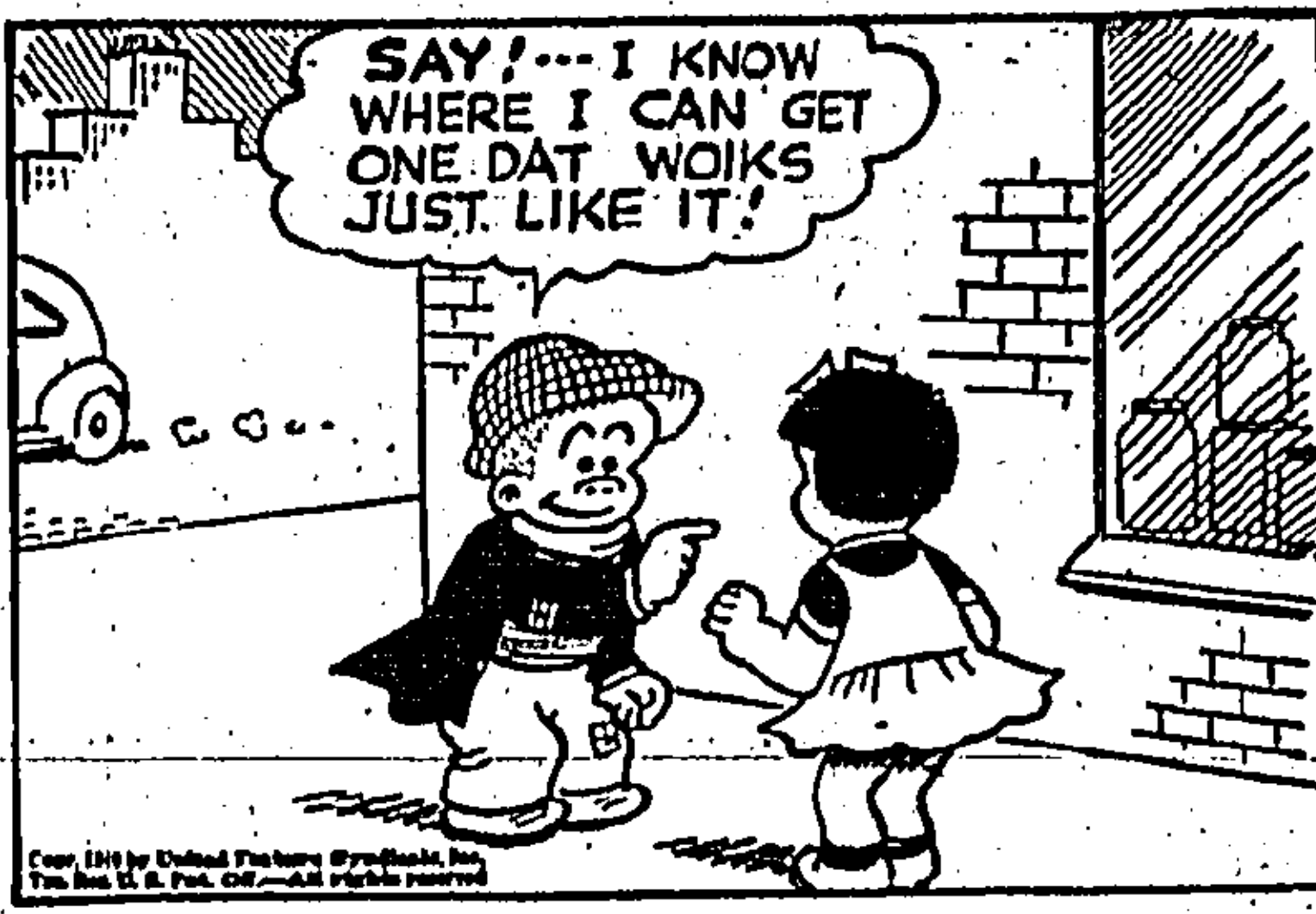
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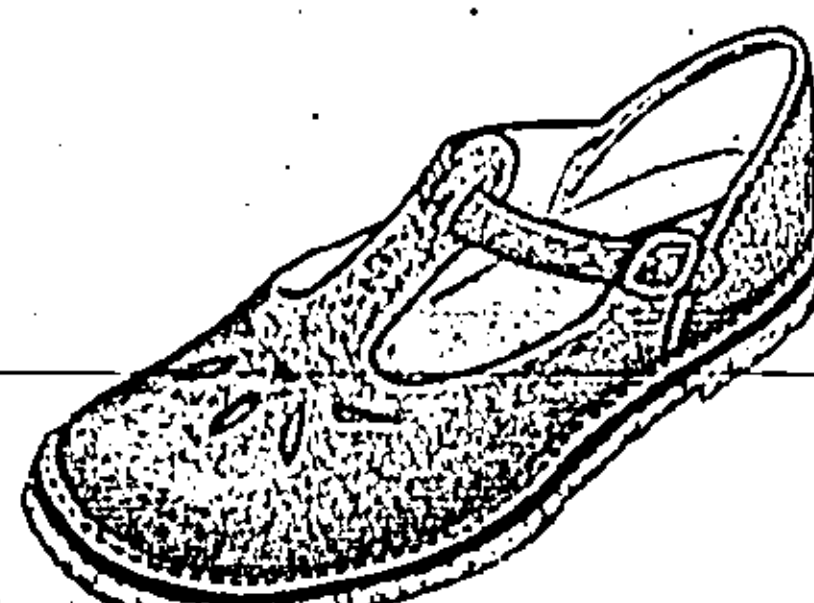
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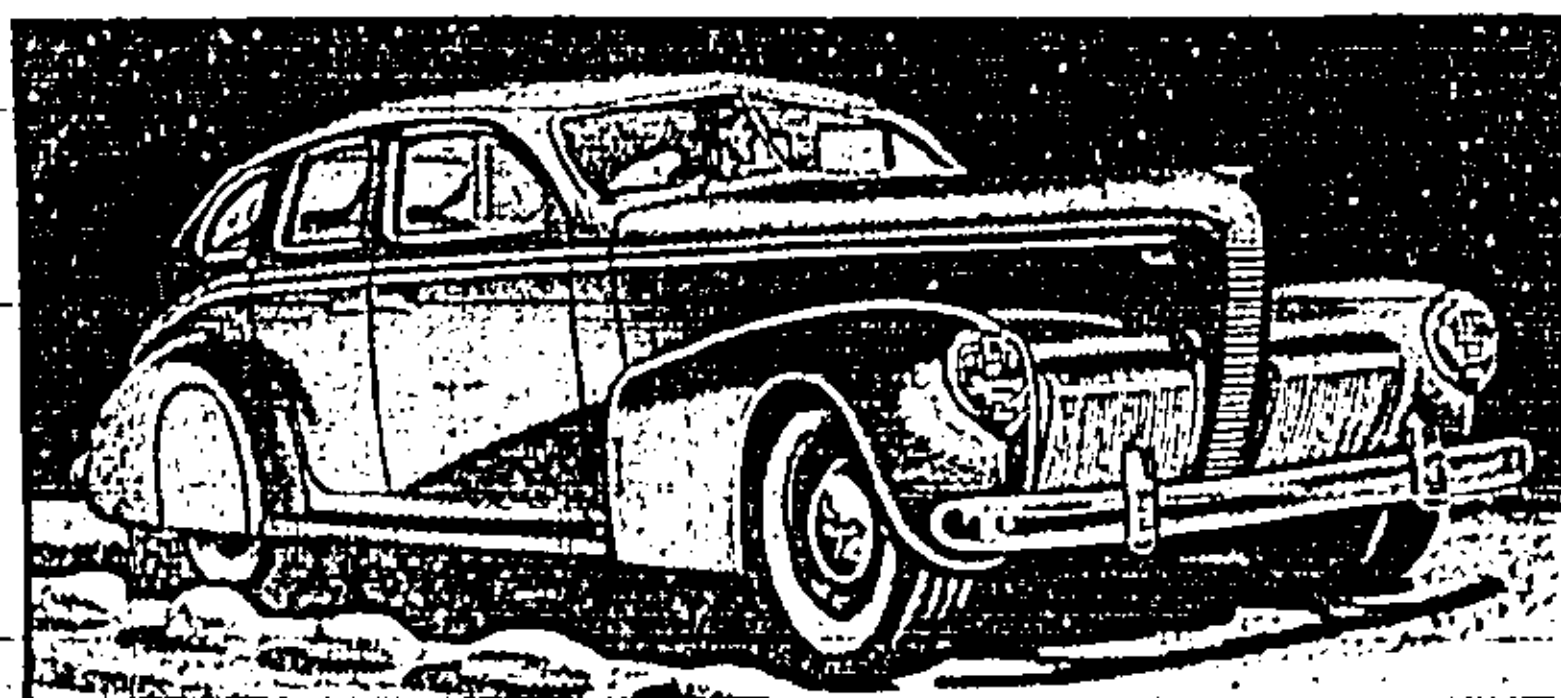
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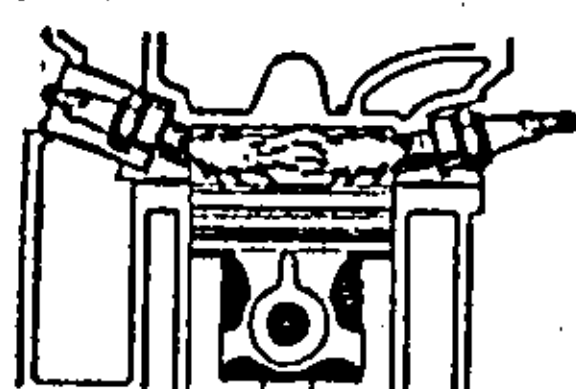
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R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST OF 145

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The latest R.A.F. casualty list contains 145 names, comprising 27 killed, including nine previously reported missing; one died of wounds or injuries; eight wounded or injured; 90 missing; nine died; four, previously reported missing, are now reported to be prisoners of war.

NAZIS BOMB HOSPITAL

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—News-papers report that German warplanes dropped incendiary bombs on a civil and maternity hospital at Chalons-sur-Marne. It is added that part of the township of Vitry le Francois is ablaze following the dropping of incendiary bombs.

LIFE AND DEATH—2.

WHAT is DEATH?

WE find no difficulty in speaking frankly to children about some very surprising facts, such as broadcasting and the roundness of the earth. We do not find it so easy to tell them about human reproduction and human death.

This means that we ourselves have psychological resistances which prevent us from thinking clearly about such matters.

Our ancestors identified life with breathing. "Spirit" is only a Latin word for breath. We are now apt to identify it with the heart-beat, and every time that a man or woman whose heart has stopped for a few minutes recovers again, someone writes that the dead have been restored to life. These views are far more materialistic than any which I hold. The heart is only a pump for blood, and the lungs a means of exposing it to air. We can already keep the rest of an animal alive for some hours with an artificial heart and lungs, and it is only a question of time before this is done with a man. One of the main difficulties is to prevent the blood from clotting in the artificial heart.

The facts about life are much more complicated. The opposite to a machine, which is built up of replaceable parts, is an individual, which cannot be taken to bits and put together again. Now man is a compromise between the two.

We can do a certain amount of replacement with spare parts, as when we transfuse a quart of one man's blood into another. But man is only to some extent a machine, so we cannot do very much replacement of this kind. And when we say that a man is dead we mean that his individuality has ceased rather than that his machinery has stopped working, even though the two events generally go together.

Let me explain. When you are dead, I can take some of your white blood corpuscles and grow them in a suitable fluid, certainly for weeks, perhaps for many years. If I knew enough I could do the same with many of your other tissues. This is already possible with the cells of embryo chicks or rats. For some hours after you are dead there is still life in your body. But it is not your life, merely the life of your cells. If I had murdered you it would be no defence to point to a culture of your cells, and say that you were still alive. There would be life there, but not your life.

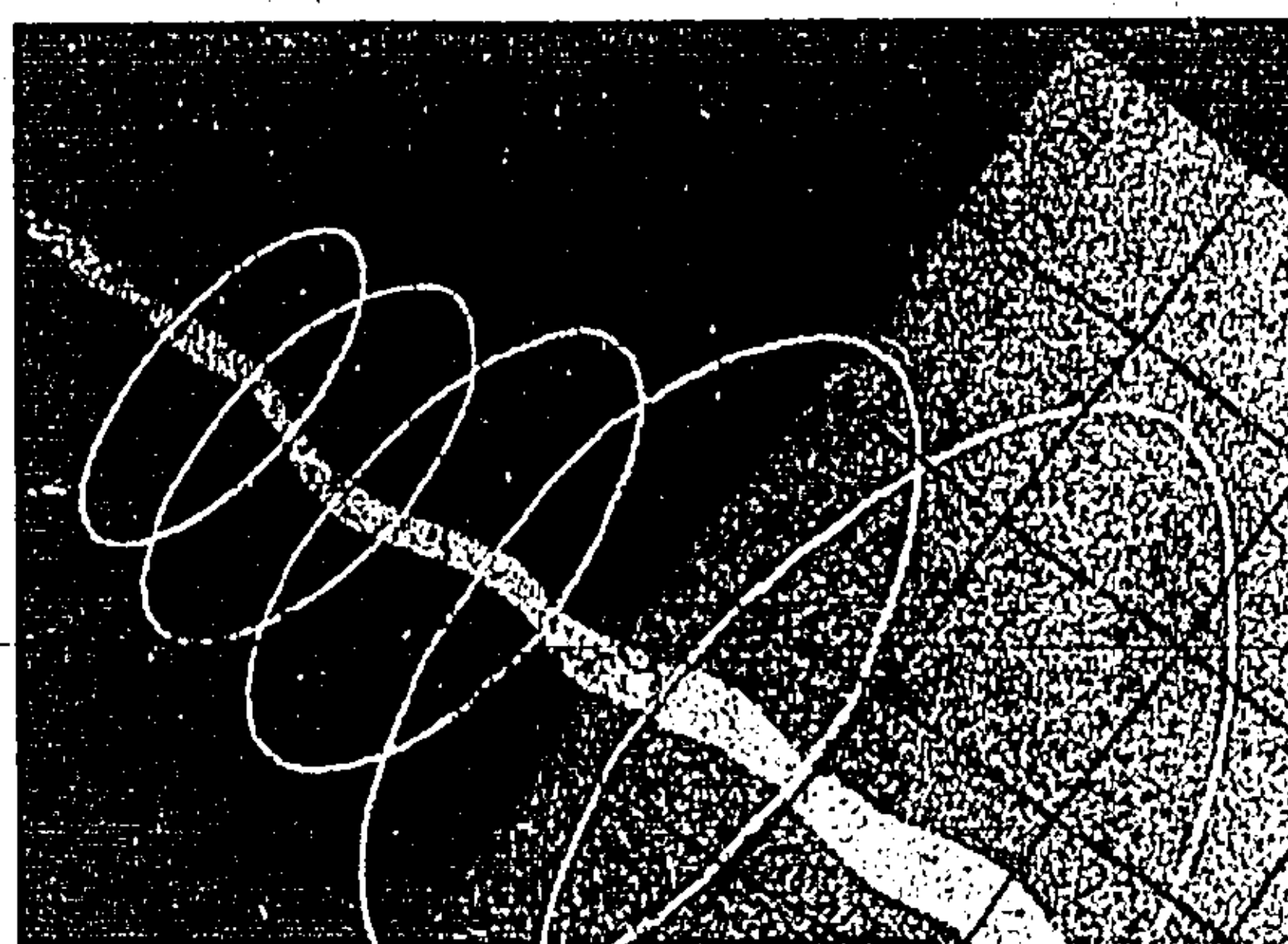
One can kill a rabbit by a blow on the neck and take out its heart. If the heart is kept warm and supplied with the right solution and plenty of oxygen it will go on beating for hours. The heart is alive, though the rabbit is dead. The same is true of human hearts, which have occasionally been taken out and kept alive for some time after their owners' death.

What is this individuality which comes to an end at death? Is it something outside the lives of the parts, and added to them, or is it just the unity by co-operation of these sub-lives? There is good reason to adopt the second view.

A tune does not consist of notes and a melody. If the notes are played in the proper order, the melody is there. It has no existence separable from its parts. Twenty-two players may or may not co-operate to play a cricket match, but you certainly cannot have the match without the players.

One cannot reason so directly about a man because a man consists of a very large number of cells, about ten thousand million million, and no one of them is as essential to the life of the whole man as the bowler to the cricket match.

Just as England could carry on without any one man, or any thousand men, so could you without any particular cell or thousand cells. But kill a few million key men, say all qualified locomotive, lorry, and car drivers, and England



by J. B. S. HALDANE

would collapse into starvation and anarchy.

Against the theory that an indivisible something, the soul, leaves the body at the moment of death, is the experience of brain surgery. An American surgeon has studied the effect on several people, including his own sister, of removing large parts of the front of the brain after injury or the growth of a tumour.

This causes no appreciable loss of sensation, memory, or muscular power, but there is a very real loss of initiative. One patient could look after her household on ordinary occasions, but could not order a large dinner; another could keep a simple job, but could not set about looking for a new one. "He will never make a revolution," says our author. If the totalitarian State proves a success, perhaps this operation will be performed on everyone except dictators.

As the brain is destroyed the personality gradually fades out, until a baby born with no upper parts to its brain shows less signs of consciousness than a fish, let alone a rabbit or dog, though it may live for a year. If there is a detachable soul, it can certainly be detached bit by bit, and all that is specially human in it may be lost long before death.

To many it seems more reasonable to regard the soul as a function of the co-operating brain-cells, just as a concert performance of a symphony, which, like the soul, has a unity of its own, is a function of the co-operating members of an orchestra.

There are many ways of dying. Usually some organ plays its part so badly that the others are one by one put out of action.

In pneumonia, the inflamed lungs let through too little oxygen that the rest of the body is suffocated. In heart disease the heart may stop suddenly, or pump so inefficiently as to suffocate the other organs. In many diseases the part of the brain which sends down nervous impulses to the breathing muscles is poisoned, and breathing ceases.

But science knows nothing of a definite moment of death in most cases. After the last breath a few more minutes of life exist generally, but unaided by artificial respiration. After the last heart-beat a surgeon could open the abdominal wall, and by putting his hand up into the chest and rhythmically squeezing the heart, keep the blood circulating for a short time. Death is usually a gradual process well described by the word "dissolution." After death of the body as a whole many individual cells live on for hours or days, till they die.

And is that all? For a man or woman whose interests lie in people and things outside themselves it is very obviously not all. Some religions promise an eternal

future life for the individual, though they do not offer a very cheerful prospect to those persons who are most interested in their own individualities. Other religions promise the ultimate extinction of individuality as the greatest possible blessing.

I have some sympathy with this view. If I live for another fifty years I expect that most of my acquaintances will be heartily tired of me, and I shall very probably be rather tired of myself. If we are to believe Freud, we all carry within us a secret longing for death, but at most times we repress below the surface of our consciousness.

It is not a hatred of life, but a positive desire. And as we grow older we may do well to allow it some measure of freedom. For it is the one desire which will quite certainly be satisfied.

On the other hand, my mind includes certain constituents (this is a "clumsy" metaphor, but we can only speak of spiritual things in metaphors) which will no more perish with the dissolution of my individuality than will the atoms of which my body is composed. To however slight an extent, I have justice, courage, mathematics and human kindness, and after my death they will still be manifested in others for whom I shall make room. If these others are better than me I have no cause for complaint.

Death, then, as I see it, is the end of a particular pattern of material and mental happenings which are bound up with one another.

If the pattern was good and beautiful there is a cause for sorrow. But if, as sometimes happens, the end of the melody of life is its ugliest and most beautiful moment, we may feel that "nothing is here for tears."

We need only pity the dying if they are in intolerable pain, or if their individualities mean so much to them that the prospect of their own end is an agony.

For death is not the end of life. It is only the end of my life or your life.

Switzerland All Ready

But Tension Thought To Be Relieved

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—After the Federal Council had examined the international situation at a long meeting this afternoon, a high Swiss officer declared: "No further military measures need be taken as the army is completely prepared, and at its war stations. Nothing remains to be done except await events patiently."

Authoritative circles here are pleased to note signs of a more peaceful orientation on the part of Italy. Political observers feel that an interested Power has recently been trying to test the Swiss nerves. It is thought that Switzerland might become endangered if the western front finally becomes static. Signs of Italy's interest in Swiss neutrality are still not lacking.

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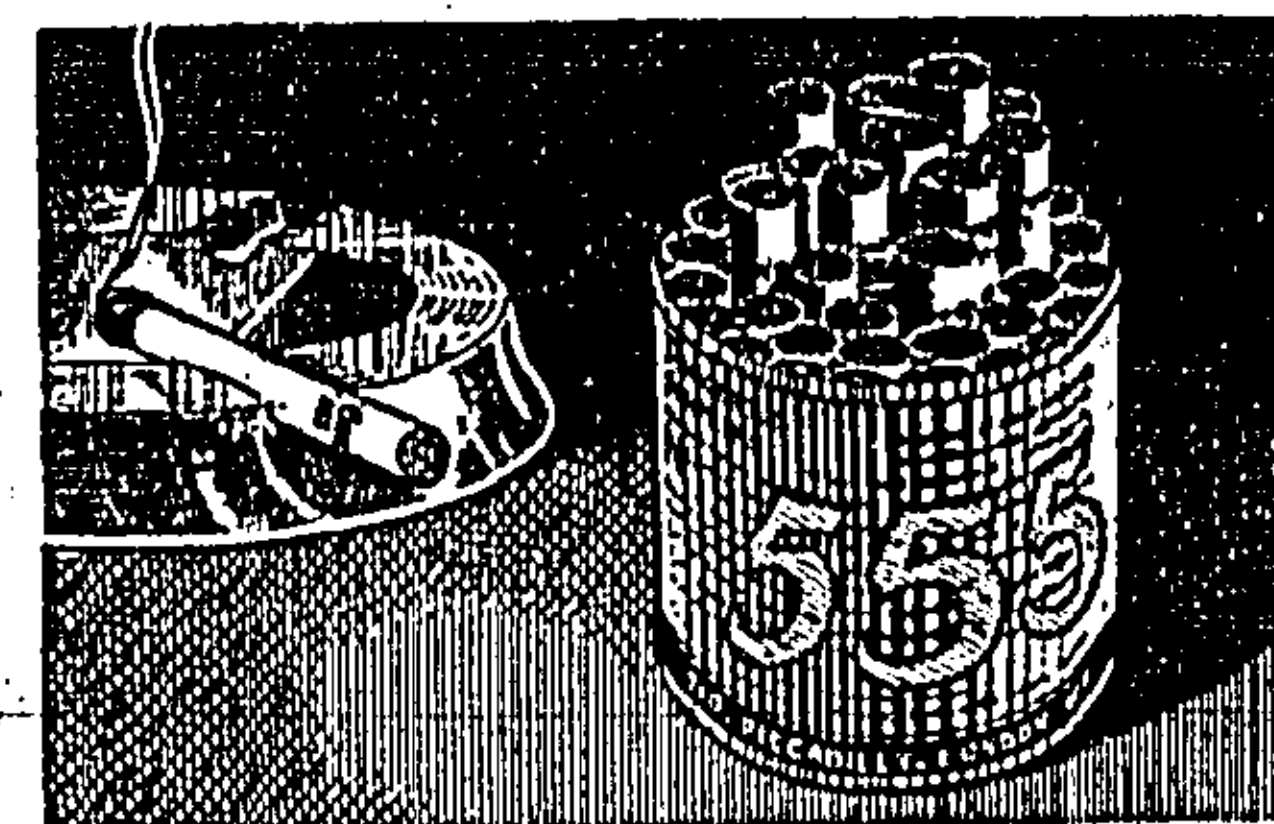
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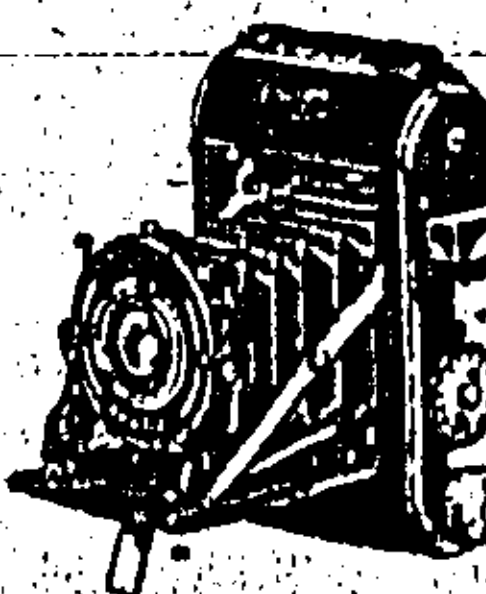
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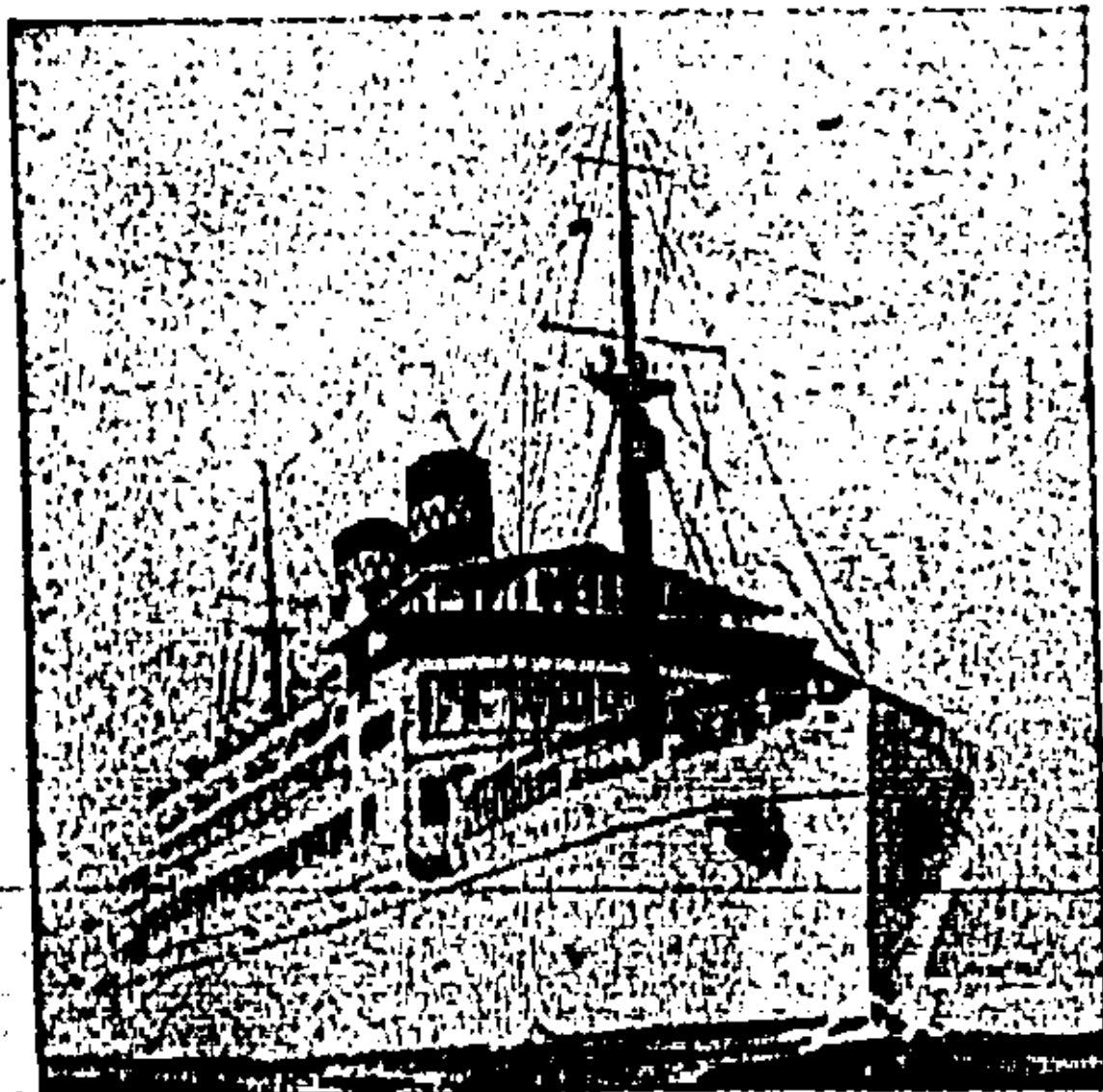
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IN 1914 THE WORLD FEARED THE MILITARISM OF KAISER WILHELM II

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ARMY —and it was beaten

WHEN Kaiser Wilhelm began his war in 1914, the German Army was the most powerful fighting instrument that any state had ever sent to battle.

Anyone who fought against that army and to-day looks back on its quality, in men and weapons, its knowledge and trained skill in action, is inclined to wonder how on earth did we prevent the "Jerries" from beating us?

Yet they did not beat us. In the end they were beaten, largely by the inexorable pressure of opponents they never saw, men in spray-hidden ships the width of the North Sea away, whose impregnable harbour was a thousand miles beyond range of the German army's guns.

WHEN Adolf began his war in 1939, his army was a formidable instrument; foolish to despise it. But its strength relative to its opponents does not over-shadow the world, as the strength of the German Army did in 1914.

It is an army with modern weapons and transport; therefore it has more fire-power and more mobility than any army could have twenty-five years ago.

But when the changes of this quarter-century are taken into account, Adolf's army looks third-rate, too hastily strung together, not up to the job.

The Germans in 1914, writes Captain Liddell Hart in his "History of the World War," alone realised what is to-day an axiom—that given a highly-trained cadre of leaders, a military machine can be rapidly manufactured from short-term levies, like molten metal poured into a mould. The German mould was a long-service body of officers and N.C.O.'s who in their standard of knowledge and skill had no equal on the Continent.

Nor, so easily, could its enormous and controversial contents be sent wandering, as well its many hundred humans one day may be, clasping their skeleton files and documentation.

The League itself has been perfectly innocuous since September. It has not signified life in the faintest degree as the map of Europe has been forcibly re-drawn. Swallowed Czechoslovakia and Albania were members. Memel's rightful status subjected it to League care, a condition, however, disrupted by Lithuania in 1923. Poland, Norway, Sweden, Belgium and Holland contribute to its upkeep.

There has been one Council meeting at Geneva, since September, and no fleeting affair was it that its stars, Lord Halifax and M. Bonnet, might just as well have split an eau minérale at the Cornavin terminal and then carried on direct for their respective capitals.

NOTE has had to be taken by the Secretariat of the withdrawal of some states including Spain and Hungary. The following now seem to be outside the League: United States, Japan, Germany, Italy,

taking detailed work and, by their "ordinary" army.

boldness and originality. The painstaking work was in the training of the troops.

In both armies, French and German, men served for two years or more, then went to the reserve.

Only a few of these reservists were needed to bring the "active divisions" up to strength at the beginning of a war to fill gaps in units already formed, officered, equipped, ready for action.

Besides the "active divisions," both French and Germans had "reserve divisions," made up almost entirely of reservists. The German training was good enough for these formations, made up of men who were civilians in July, to be fit for battle by the third week of August.

The German boldness was in using such men without further polishing-up. The French could not believe that this was possible.

It is an immense tribute to the quality and precision of the German instructors, and to the "seriousness" of the German army as a whole, that they were able to mobilise this mass of men trained years before the war, and put them into battle alongside

THE Germans scored a second surprise at the outbreak of war simply by the perfection of their railway organization.

It was known that they might sweep through Belgium. The French plans for meeting this sweep now look ridiculous, as indeed they were.

Failure of these plans led to the long retreat in which the French left wing (the British expeditionary force) had to fall back for 130 miles or more, from Mons to beyond the Marne.

But how could the French have realised that the Germans would be able to bring one and a half million men over their railways to the frontier?

And if they had thought that possible, how could they have realised that a million of these men, 64 divisions out of 83, would be concentrated in the armies sweeping through Belgium and Luxembourg?

Such a concentration seemed impossible with ordinary methods of staff work and railway organization. But it was carried out.

WILL THE LIGHTS GO OUT?



THE \$1,750,000 Geneva Palace of the Nations, property of over fifty of them, equal in service to Versailles, weightily grandiose, bridally white, is a conundrum for the Swiss.

WHILE the monster mass was yet incomplete, in 1935, the Federal authorities requested that its white immensity should be equipped with costly steel shutters and blue lights as anti-air-raid precautions.

It was sanctioned time and supposing the "Transalpinas" did a bombing stunt? What a target! Unmissable on Ariana height, hard by the guiding lake, as it remains to-day.

No more happened until crash came that last week of September. Scarry, hurry. The Axis would quite certainly wreck the Palace of the Nations; might even try to occupy the Canton of Vaud because of it.

High time that Geneva were rid of the international brainbox that so exasperated them.

Yet there was no time to plan. It was decided that did war break, the League personnel was to remove at once to Fribourg, out of the way, back in the hills.

WHEN war did not come to Switzerland the Swiss had time to think anew and go further. If the Confederation were compelled thereafter to mobilise in protection of the national territory, the League personnel would have to move altogether from Switzerland, leaving a nucleus care-taking until only. Such was the position until recently. It was then hinted that the Secretary-General might get busy before the bombardment, with plans for evacuation. If my information be correct, it was further conveyed that war or no war, Switzerland would be obliged and relieved if the Government could arrange to function elsewhere for an interim period until Europe settled down once more.

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2.15 Close Down.
6.00 Verdi's "La Traviata" Act II.
7.00 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
7.30 Marek Weber and His Or-
chestra.
7.10 Studio—Recital by Barbara
Gilmar (Soprano).
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ther Report.
8.15 Latest Dance Music and
Variety.
8.45 London Relay—"At the Black
Dog."
Mr. Wilkes at home in his own
bar-parlour.
9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 Compositions of Rachmaninoff.
10.15 Violin Solos by Albert
Sandler.
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11.15 Dance Music.
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vice from St. John's Cathedral.
12.15 p.m. The Band of H.M.
Coldstream Guards.
12.30 Selections from Light Opera.
1.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
1.05 Studio—Another "Musical
Cocktail" by Erich Forges (Piano)
(from Jimmy's Kitchen).
1.25 Organ Interlude.
The Lost Chord (Sullivan), Clois-
ter-Shadows (Hope), Reginald Foort
at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.
1.45 Verdi's "Aida" Act II.
2.30 Close down.
7.00 Compositions of Cesar-Franck.
Redemption... The Lamoureux Or-
chestra, Paris, cond. by Albert
Wolf; Prelude, Chorale and Fugue,
Alfred Cortot (Piano).
7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.
8.05 Marek Weber and His Or-
chestra.
"La Belle Helene"—Selection, You
Shall Be The King Of My Heart
(Sizlo).
8.15 London Relay—"Starred
Chamber."
A Play by Noel Coward.
8.45 Compositions of Schubert.
9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 Studio—Talk by Mrs. R. H.
Scott on "Women's Work in England
in War Time."
9.45 Chausson—Poeme, Op. 25.
Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Or-
chestra Symphonique de Paris con-
ducted by Georges Enesco.
10.01 Short Choral Programme.
10.17 Studio—Sunday Evening
Epilogue.
10.37 Close down.

NEXT CHANGE

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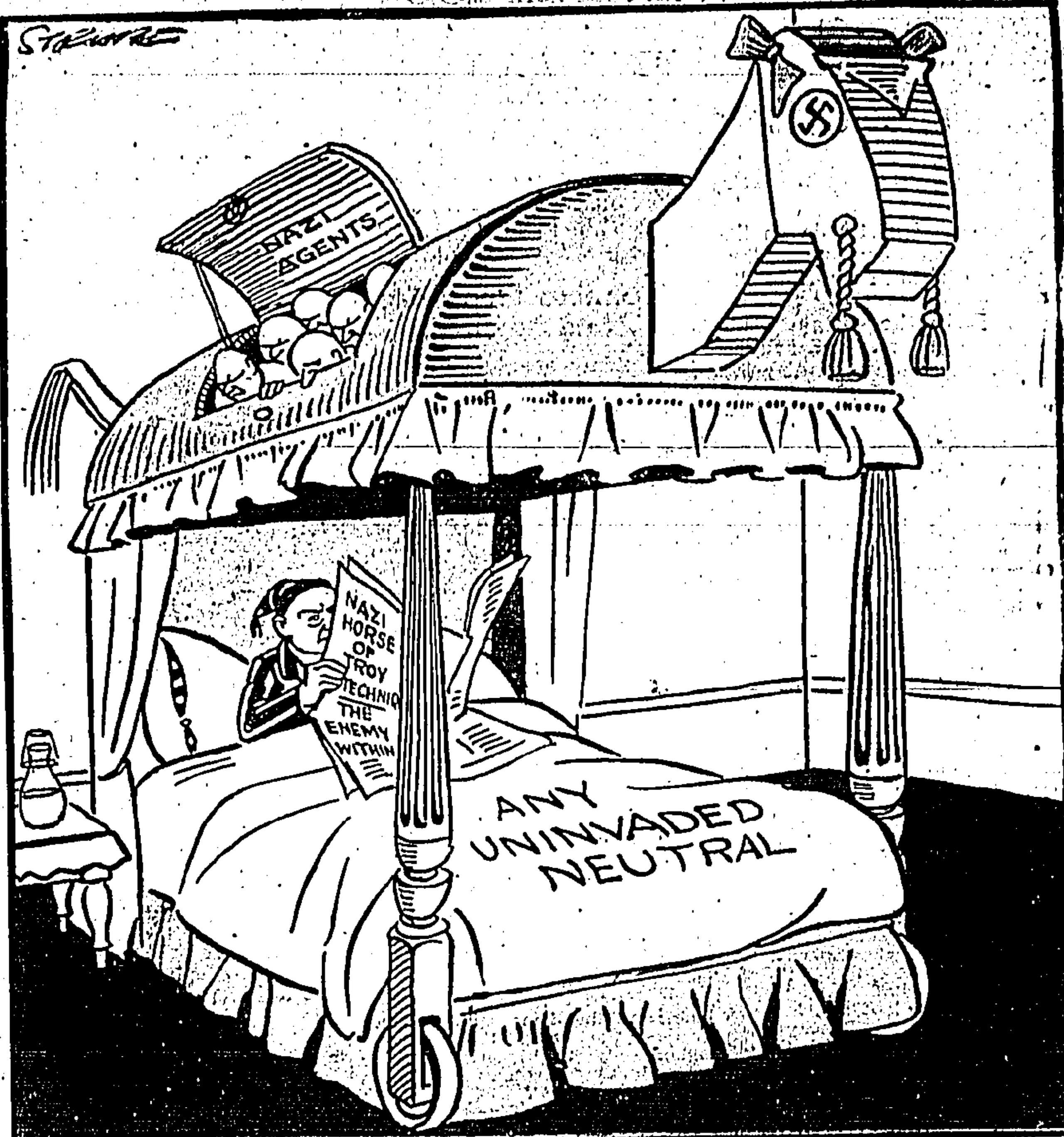
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BEHIND THE HEADLINES—by JOHN BLUNT

The "Fifth Column"

ALTHOUGH a shock at the time,
the surrender of the greater part
of Holland is quite understandable.
There is no doubt that Germany
calculated that the resistance of a
small army could be overcome by
a smashing campaign of ruthless
terrorism. The infiltration of the
"fifth column"—and the partial
success of the parachutists, together
with a merciless bombing from the
air—all served the brutal aims of
Germany. The small Allied Forces
available could not have con-
solidated themselves in so few days.
Indeed, it would have been more
than surprising had Germany not
met with some success when it is
remembered that her campaign had
been prepared months before.
Total warfare, as it is called, has
been evolved by the fiendish brains
behind the Nazi movement, and
there is good reason to believe that
every form of terrorism will be
practised by Germany. If some of
the weaker nations are temporarily
ceased from the map, they are not
entirely to blame. Britain and
France will take the blows, but will
ultimately give more than they take
to the eternal damnation of those
who started this massacre.

Fact Versus Fiction

AND so a change has been made
in the guiding influence of the
British Ministry of Information. Duff
Cooper, who now holds the post,
may be expected to place the facts
of the Allied cause before the
world, even if with his customary
bluntness. In exposing the lying pro-
panda of the Germans. It is
better to be convinced by facts, even
if occasionally unpleasant, rather
than be misled by fiction.

Germans in Hongkong

LAST week, I referred to the
absurdity of permitting Germans to
enjoy their freedom in the Colony.
True, there may not be so very
many, but every German must be
suspect. During my sojourn in the
Far East, I have met the Germans
who, in a gesture of pseudo-con-
fidence, have protested that their
sympathies have been with the Bri-
tish; and that they have been en-
tirely opposed to Hitlerism. It has
later come to my personal know-
ledge that some of those who lied
with crocodile tears in their eyes,
were at the very moment of speak-
ing, members of the Nazi move-
ment in this Colony. I have yet to
hear or see a German publicly ex-
pressing his condemnation of his
country's policy.

Those Rumours

ON Wednesday, rumours flooded
the Colony concerning the alleged
collapse of the Wall Street market.
Shares, stocks, commodities were
supposed to have fallen anything
up to twenty points. The King of
Italy had abdicated. Italy had de-
clared war, and so on. There
would appear to be grounds for the

grave suspicion that some unprin-
ciple people deliberately start
such rumours in order to gain pro-
fit. Such an offence should be dis-
couraged by the provision of heavy
penalties for such dishonesty.

Midnight Madness

TRAFFIC supervision by night
does not appear to be very effec-
tive in Hongkong. The other even-
ing, a private car was "heard" pro-
ceeding along Queen's Road from
east to west. The traffic light was
against it by the Shell Building,
but nevertheless, the impatient
horn-blowing continued. The occu-
pant appeared to be in a state of
conviviality ill-suited to the hand-
ling of a motor vehicle. The con-
stable in the traffic box acceded to
their rancorous demand by giving
them the green light, whereupon
the driver stepped on the gas, and
literally roared down Pedder
Street. I looked in the morning
paper for the report of a smash, but
apparently, luck was on the side of
madness that night.

Dialects And Brogues

AN after-dinner chat the other
night—as usual, much ado about
nothing—led up to the question of
national humour. It was asserted
from one quarter that British hum-
our was hard to beat, whereupon
an American present asked for a
definition of "British" humour. It
is true there are many dialects and
brogues in the English language
sense. These days there are very

few new Irish jokes of the Pat,
Mike or Murphy variety, and it is a
long time since I heard an original
joke attributed to a Scot. Perhaps
brogues are falling by the wayside.
Reminds me of an occasion some
years ago when a little leg-pulling
cross banter occurred amongst a
party of English and Scottish people.
A count was taken of the respective
nationalities present. Each proud-
ly proclaimed his or her national
ancestry. When one of the men-
folk (an author of some repute)
claimed to be a Scot, my hostess
expressed her surprise. "But," she
protested; "I have read several of
your books and neither in your
speech nor writing do you seem to
be Scottish." "My dear lady," the
Scot replied. "I believe you were
born in Dorset, but nobody would
know it."

Mussolini's Quandary

The fate of Italy appears to hang
by a very slender thread, but every
hour that passes should relieve the
tension. Mussolini may be on the
brink of throwing in his lot with
Hitler, but the tremendous slaughter
in the opening phase of the Blitzkrieg
must have a sobering influence. It
chose lies between becoming a co-
partner of the most hated fiend in the
world, or extricating himself from an
entanglement which will lead to his
own undoing. The prospect which
faces him should be choice grim,
and I doubt, even at this momentous
 juncture, whether he will chance the
terrible consequences of war.

Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,

Last week's colouring competition
was very well done. The prize-
winners this week are:—

Wong Kwok Lam (aged 12), 5,
Garden Road.
John Harwood (aged 8½), 18,
Village Road.
June Gordon (aged 8), 518 c,
Nathan Road.

Coupons have been sent to Wong
Kwok Lam, John and June which
I want them to bring to the "Hong-
kong Telegraph" office in Wyndham
Street. The coupons will then be
exchanged for money prizes.

Specially commended for excellent
work the following:
Seniors: Ghazi Khan, Ellen
Olson, George Wong, Mary Grace
Asche, Andrew Kee, Willie Mok,
James Nelson, Kee On Tak,
Reinaldo Sales, Roy Holmes.
Intermediates: Alan Dobbs,
Dawood Bux, Shona McIntyre, S.S.
Bux, Anthony Cutcher, Horacio
Ozorio, Patricia Ozorio.
Juniors: Betty Mair, Muslim
Yusuf, Ghafoor Bux, Susan Wood,
Geoffrey Hudson.

This week, Kiddies, I want you to
study the above picture closely and
draw the way the boy in the
toboggan at the top must go to join
his friends below without crossing a
black line.

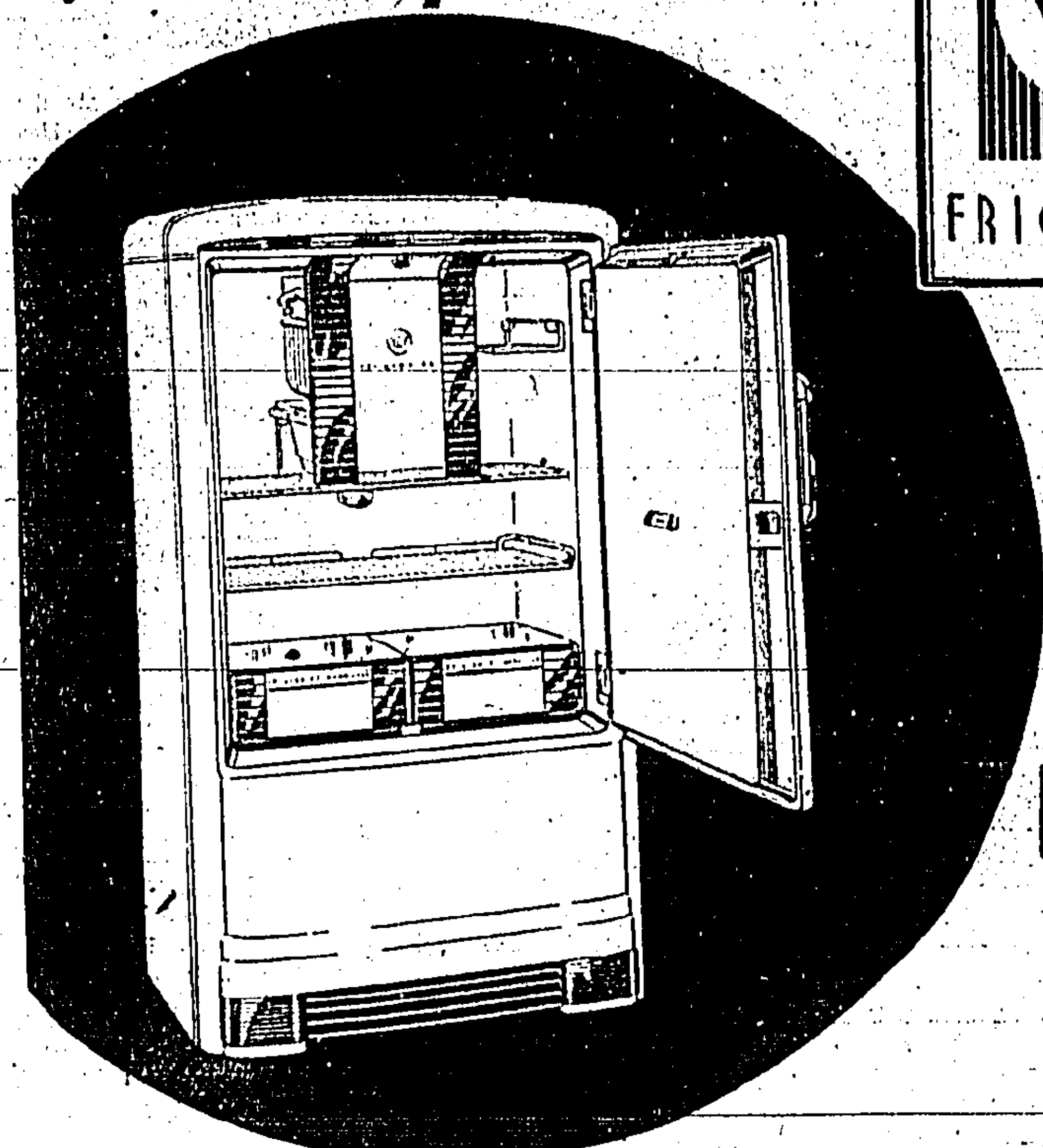
Fill in the name, age and address
coupon and send your entries to
Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Tele-



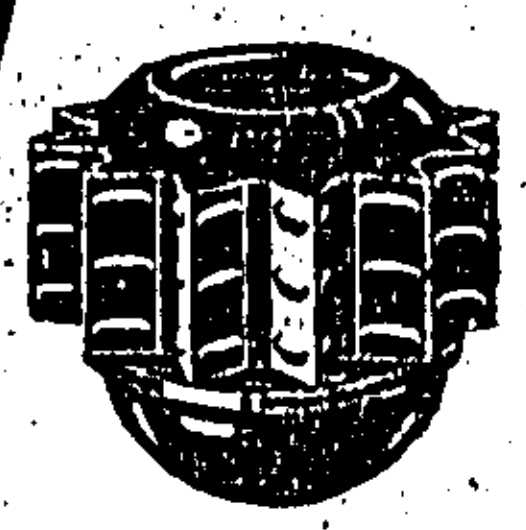
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CANADA WILL NOT WEAKEN

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Ottawa's Canadian Opposition Leader, Mr. Hanson at the opening of the House of Commons to-day offered his whole-hearted support and co-operation in view of the present situation overseas.

Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, read to the House a brief communique regarding the situation, which he regarded as "serious" but it was not considered critical.

Channel Air Service Resumes

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Air France has resumed its air service between London and Paris.

Bookings for all services opened this afternoon. The service will commence to-morrow.

An Imperial Airways liner left England for Karachi this morning, according to schedule.

Arrangements have been made for the flying boat to refuel at Rome and Brindisi.

More Government Appointments

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Further Government appointments were announced from No. 10 Downing Street to-night and include the War Office and Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State—Sir Henry Ponsonby-Paget-Croft and Sir Edward Glegg, Financial Secretary—Mr. Richard Law, Treasury Joint Parliamentary Secretaries—Capt. Morgeson and Sir Charles Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Economic Warfare—Mr. Dingle Foot, Under-Secretary for India and Burma—the Duke of Devonshire, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Admiralty—Sir Victor Warrender, Parliamentary Secretary of Penalties—Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information—Mr. Harold Nicholson.

Allies Order 4,000 Planes

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Anglo-French Purchasing Commission stated to-day that the Allies have ordered about 4,000 planes of all types in the United States at a cost of \$650,000,000.

Huge New Orders Given
The Allies intend to spend about \$600,000,000 more on the purchase of the latest types of machines recently made available.

About \$350,000,000 has been spent on non-aviation supplies such as machine tools, munitions, electric equipment, clothing, horses, mules, etc.

WATCH ON H.K. FUEL SUPPLY

An announcement in to-day's Government Gazette indicates that the Government intends to make itself fully informed of the Colony's fuel supplies and to keep its resources on regular record.

According to the Gazette, the Stores Controller, with the consent of the Governor, orders that every person who, to-day or subsequently, has possession, custody, or control of more than 10 tons of coal shall make a return accordingly to the Controller.

Henceforth weekly returns will be required of such persons or firms. This return must cover the week ending at noon on Saturday and be put in by noon of the following Wednesday, or, where that Wednesday is a public holiday, by noon on the first succeeding day which is not a holiday.

The returns must be in English and bear the signature of the person holding the coal or his agent, or, in the case of a Chinese firm, the chop of the firm. They may be delivered by post to the stores Controller at the Government Stores Department, No. 249 Electric Road, North Point.

CAIRO, May 17 (Reuter).—Voluntary recruiting of British residents in Egypt for a local defence force began this morning, and there has already been a considerable response.

ILLEGAL USE OF WIRELESS TRANSMITTERS

Operators Who Sent Out Chinese Exchange Quotations

"The relatively small wireless transmission traffic on the 21 O wavelength provided them with a call sign which they could use with reasonable prospects of not raising suspicion. By this method those receiving the messages sent out by the first and second defendants were able to avoid the delay which transmission through the normal cable routes involved and the further delay caused by wartime censorship of all outgoing cables, thus gaining an invaluable lead of 20 to 30 minutes on orthodox exchange brokers."

This was stated at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted in an illegal wireless case against Leung Tse-hong, 33, and Lung Chiu-kong, 29, wireless operators of the Water Police Station who were charged with offences under the Telecommunication Ordinance and Defence Regulations.

Another wireless operator, Cheung Sou-wai, 35, said to be from Macao, appeared with the other two and with them was accused of having on certain dates between February 25 and April 25 conspired together knowingly to send or transmit by telegraph instructions for utilizing means of secretly conveying, receiving or recording information.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr., appeared for Leung, Mr. G. S. Ford for Lung, and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon for Cheung. Defendants pleaded guilty to the charges against them.

Detective Inspector A. E. Carey was present for the Police.

Quotations By Code
In the course of his opening, Mr. Reynolds said that from April 11 to 23, numerous telephone messages were received by one or other of the first two defendants. These messages when decoded gave the latest quotation of the Chinese National currency on the Hongkong Exchange.

These quotations were then sent out from the Water Police Wireless station by code messages consisting of signals used internationally by all commercial wireless stations for test working and consequently unlikely to convey anything more to an operator uninitiated into their true meaning than that the sender was testing out the working of his wireless transmitter with some other station.

After mitigation submissions had been made by those representing them, sentence was passed on defendants.

Leung, who was on bail, was fined \$850 on the charges against him, and Lung, who was not on bail, was fined \$300 or three months' hard labour. He was remanded for four days to find money to pay the fine. Cheung, who also was on bail, was fined \$200.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

"The market continued to be neglected this week having been completely overshadowed by the war news. It is not surprising that such small buying orders as have come along have been negotiated entirely on balance over the week are easier."

Business Done During the Week
H.K. Banks \$1,500; \$1,470, \$1,450, \$1,440, \$1,430

Union Insurance \$465
Wharves \$100
Providents \$4, \$4.05
Lands \$304

Humphreys \$8
Chinese Estates \$104½
Tramways \$17.35, \$17.40
Star Ferries \$83

China Lights (Old) \$7½
China Lights (New) \$4.70
Rauhs \$9.85

Govt. 4% Loan 103
Humphreys \$7.90
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 102

Sellers
Union Insurance \$465/400
Decks Rts. \$6½

Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,430/25
Bank of East Asia \$73

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BRUSSELS ENTERED

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ter of the Interior, declared in a broadcast to-day:

"Our Government had to leave Brussels yesterday but is still in Belgium. This was a very sad decision but it was forced upon us owing to the force of circumstances."

Thus the Minister announced to the nation the Government's removal from the capital to Ostend.

Certain neutral legations and a number of Government departments left Brussels for Ostend early this week.

U.S. Envoy To Stay
The American Ambassador has announced his determination to remain in Brussels in order to fulfil the useful functions performed by the United States envoy in the last war.

The Italian Embassy staff is not being moved and the Spanish Embassy is maintaining a skeleton staff in the Belgian capital.

The atmosphere in Brussels to-day was one of extreme calmness despite the German threat to bomb the city from the air.

German Claim
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The German High Command states that following the collapse of the British and French positions south of Louvain German troops marched into Brussels late this afternoon.

Malines Falls, Claim
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—After heavy fighting, German troops have broken through the dyke position north of Louvain and have captured Malines, says DNB.

Brussels Communique
BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—Tonight's Belgian war communique states: "Our troops methodically carried out movements foreseen by the plan of operation."

"During yesterday afternoon, a regiment of light infantry which was participating in the defence of the canal, distinguished itself by repulsing with heavy losses German units which attempted to cross by the foot-bridge."

Nazi Successors Claim
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The official German news agency states that German troops, advancing from the north, pushed up to the fortress of Antwerp.

It also states that following a comprehensive attack, Louvain fell to-day.

Allied Withdrawals
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—A War Office communique issued to-day states that during the night of May 16-17, certain adjustments of the front having become necessary, the B.E.F. was withdrawn to positions west of Brussels.

This readjustment was carried out without interference.

There was no question of any collapse or break-through in this sector as suggested by a German communique.

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PLANE STRAFE JUNKS

Japanese Employing Nazi Methods

Aeroplane attacks on unarmed Chinese fishing and trading junks in Chinese waters appear to be the latest methods employed by the Japanese in their efforts to stop Chinese trade. Stories of these outrages were brought back to Hongkong yesterday by survivors of one of the craft attacked.

Five of the crew of this vessel were admitted into the Queen Mary hospital suffering from wounds caused by bomb splinters.

The attacks occurred off Sam Mun on May 12. According to Kwok Hong-ling, a fook of junk No. T4067H, he was sailing with a number of other junks, when about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, five aeroplanes flying at a great height were sighted.

Planes Power-Dive
Apparently sighting the junks, the planes power-dived and the markings on their wings revealed them to be Japanese. Sweeping over the sailing vessels, the planes released a number of bombs, one of which scored a direct hit on a junk, blowing the vessel to pieces, but the majority fell wide of their marks.

One bomb exploded near Kwok's junk, and the flying splinters struck five of the crew. The remainder immediately sought shelter in the holds, leaving the junk to sail on unguided.

Machine-Gunned
Directly after the planes returned and machine-gunned the vessels. Several of the craft were riddled with bullets, but nobody was injured on Kwok's junk in this attack.

Apparently satisfied with their work, the warplanes flew off, leaving a trail of wreckage behind.

No survivors of the junk hit by a bomb were seen, and it is believed all the crew perished either through wounds or by drowning.

The following of Kwok's crew were admitted to hospital: Kwok Ying-chuen, master of the junk, Lau Mui, married woman, Lo Kiu, 25, woman, Chan Kiu, 20 and Ng Kong 30.

HITLER'S GAMBLE
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River in France and thus turn the main fortresses of the Maginot Line.

Hitler is making the biggest gamble for victory any leader in history has made.

He is gambling that the great concentrations of Allied troops which are now entrenched near Namur and Sedan will not be able to pinch off his mobile mechanized units.

The Allied traps are his most serious danger—the question now is, can they be sprung?

Huge Concentrations
Between Namur and Sedan the Germans are pouring an increasing number of infantry, artillery and tanks across the River Meuse at Sedan, testing again to the swift with which the Germans are acting after initial success.

The Germans lost not a minute in taking advantage of the situation created after their motorized and tank divisions broke through in the face of withering French artillery fire and constant Allied air attacks on the bridges across the Meuse.

But, although they were able to effect new crossings, the losses to the Germans in men, tanks and guns have been appalling.

Sheer Massacre
The targets presented by the long columns lumbering across the stone and pontoon bridges have been so easy that the Allies have been able to massacre them.

The supply problem would not appear to be the most difficult the Germans have to face.

There is also the question of feeding the troops.

Foodless for 48 Hours
German prisoners have told their captors that they have been on the march for seven days and have received no food for 48 hours.

No German oil depots have yet been established south of the River Meuse and it may become necessary for the Germans to hold back their mechanized units until that element has been re-organized.

Yesterday's "breathing spell" has given the Allies time to rush up artillery, tanks, anti-tank guns and more infantry and the fighting will now grow in intensity.

There has undoubtedly been a noticeable increase in Allied resistance since yesterday.

AMERICAN CLUB DINNER-DANCE

Members of the American Club and their friends spent a gay and enjoyable time last night in the festively decorated club rooms, when the customary Spring dinner-dance was held.

Over 150 attended and danced to music provided by Mickey's Mobster. The social function was continued until the early hours of this morning, and was voted one of the most successful in the history of the club.

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